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Surgeon General Comments on Health Of The Army

The Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, was a visitor at Letterman this week for the first time since he assumed his new office and title on 1 June.

General Bliss made a round of inspection of the facilities for the care of the sick and held informal conferences with the Chiefs of the Services. In speaking to the medical officers the general made some pertinent comments on the health of the army today, saying in part:

"The health of the Army in the United States as reflected by the rates at which troops are being admitted to sick report for disease is remarkably good at this time. In the week ending 4 July 1947 admissions for common respiratory disease and influenza reached an all-time low point for the twenty-three year period on which comparable figures are available with a rate of 34 per thousand troops per annum. During that same week an admission rate of 320 for all disease was recorded which was the lowest such rate experienced during the period from 1924 to date, except for Christmas week of three years in the '30's when rates very slightly lower were encountered. The exceptions are not considered to vitiate the comparison, however, since rates for Christmas week are often artificially low because of the large numbers of troops absent on leaves and furloughs."

"The non-battle injury rate is not as direct a measure of the health of troops as the disease rate since it may be greatly affected by administrative factors particularly those concerning training activities; it is however an important consideration in the provision of medical care to troops. The admission rates for this cause for troops in the United States for 1945 and 1946



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS, U. S. Army
Surgeon General of the Army who was a Letterman visitor during the past week.

were the lowest such annual rate ever experienced."

"The current oversea experience is not entirely comparable with that of the war-time situation because of important differences in the conditions of service and in the disease hazards to which troops are exposed. It is probably of interest, however, to note that in general the present recorded rates are slightly lower than those prevailing during the war years. In May 1947 the rate of admission to hospital and quarters for all diseases for all troops overseas

was 627 as compared with 671 for the war years, for non-battle injury in May the rate was 75 as against the war-years' rate of 108. For common respiratory disease and influenza the rate was 106 in May compared with a rate of 130 for the war years."

"The number of Army patients remaining in hospital and quarters throughout the world on 30 May 1947 was 39,555. Of these, 28,727 were disease patients, 727 were non-battle injury patients, and 3,801

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President Signs Law Creating Medical Service Corps

A far reaching change in the permanent organization of the Medical Department of the Army went into effect today following President Truman's approval of legislation creating a Medical Service Corps in the regular establishment.

This legislation makes it possible for the first time to give regular Army commissions to specialists in the scores of fields now closely allied to medicine—to Bacteriologists, Entomologists, Psychologists, Sanitary Engineers, Pharmacists, Chemists, Electronics Experts and the like. These will be grouped together in a new corps under the Medical Department of the Army.

The need has been evident for a long time. Up to now the Medical Department has been made up of six corps—Medical, Dental, Veterinary, Pharmacy, Nurse, and Womens Medical Specialists. It has been possible to commission specialists in other fields only in the reserve from which they could be called to service in a national emergency.

It became increasingly evident during the two world wars, with the enormous ramifications of medical science that came about in this period, that greater and greater reliance must be placed on these other specialists for the proper treatment of sick and wounded. They could relieve the Army Medical Corps, in which only physicians can hold commissions, of a great deal of the increasing burden of clinical laboratory and sanitary activities, psychiatric social work and clinical psychology, pharmacy, supply and hospital administration, certain phases of training and field medical service, and in special fields of research requiring specialized skills and training. Availability of the ser-

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Letterman Employee Wins Cash Award for Suggestion

A cash award for an employee suggestion was presented last week by Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, to Mrs. Marjorie Hecht of the Information Office. Colonel Winn commended Mrs. Hecht for her suggestion and said that he appreciated the interest in her work which prompted her to make it.

The award was \$10, and the suggestion involved rearrangement of the Information Office and certain reorganization in the work methods to increase the efficiency of the office.

It is the hope of the Suggestion Committee that each individual doing a job at Letterman will submit an idea a month. The main objective of the Suggestion Program is finding better, faster, cheaper and safer ways of getting the work accomplished. No one is better fitted to find such methods than the person on the job. However, it is emphasized that persons who submit suggestions may do so for their own jobs or for other jobs with which they may be sufficiently familiar to have constructive ideas. Supervisors may submit ideas, and are urged to do so.

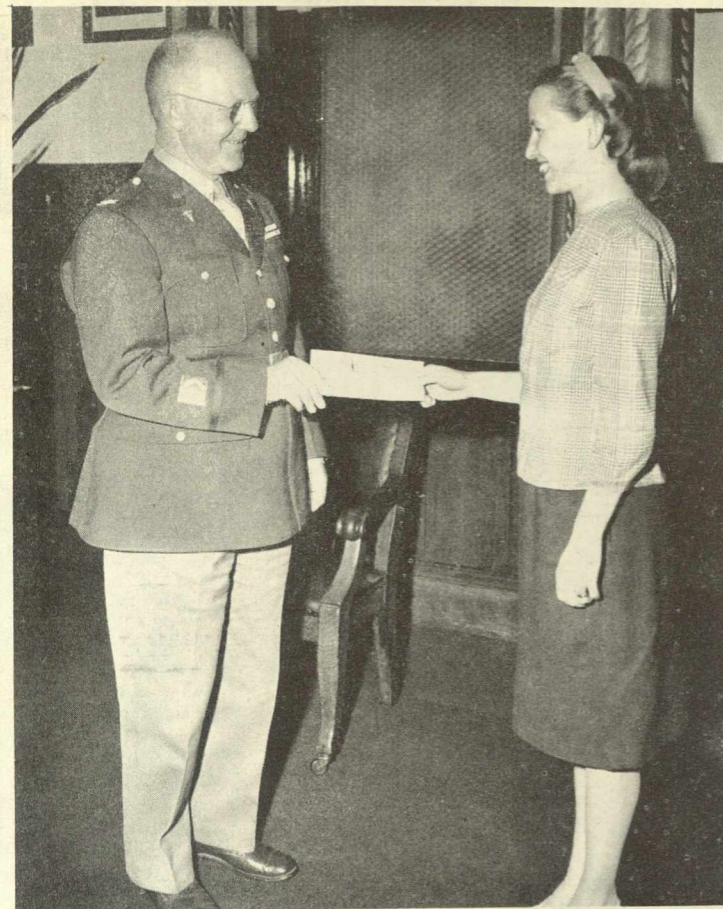
One feature of the program is that job improvement ideas which have already been put into effect may be submitted to the committee provided they have been in use less than 60 days.

A variety of types of suggestions are eligible for awards. The regulations governing awards states that a suggestion that results "in improvement or economy in the operation of the department by way of monetary savings, increased efficiency, conservation of property, improved employee working conditions, or better service to the public," shall be eligible for consideration for an award.

Personnel who take time to consider their daily work from the standpoint of possible time-saving or money saving shortcuts may have more than one idea for eliminating waste, both of time and material.

Awards which may be made by the local committee range from \$4 to \$250. Suggestions eligible for larger awards are submitted to the War Department Civilian Awards Board for appropriate action.

If it is possible to estimate the savings effected by the adoption of



CASH AWARD FOR SUGGESTION
Is presented to Mrs. Marjorie Hecht, of the Information Office, by Colonel D. F. Winn, Commanding Officer.

a job idea, the amount of the award is 5 per cent of the savings. Some suggestions, such as those which effect health, safety, welfare or morale, cannot be appraised in this manner, and in such cases the cash award is based on the scope of the idea's applicability and the number of persons it affects.

Inaugurated during the war, the Employee Suggestion Program has been the source of many worthwhile ideas submitted by both military and civilian personnel. These ideas have resulted in large savings to the government.

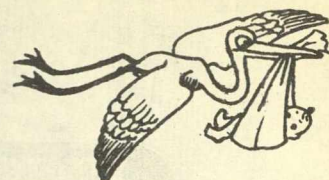
More than \$100,000,000 were the initiated savings of the War Department's Suggestion System during its two years of wartime operation. War Department employees made 282,000 suggestions during the war emergency, of which 42,500 were adopted. Since the outstanding worth of the program was so fully

demonstrated during the war it was decided to continue it as a post-war measure in the belief that it would prove equally valuable as a means of introducing worthwhile innovations in the peacetime economy.

The Office of The Surgeon General reports that of 2,250 formal suggestions received in its departmental and field agencies, 560 were adopted. For these \$16,000 was paid in cash awards, and the annual savings effected totaled \$525,000.

No matter in what hospital activity you are engaged, there is the possibility of improvement in some respect. Perhaps you already have an idea for that improvement. Or if you take a fresh view of your work, a new and worthwhile idea may occur to you. Get a suggestion blank without delay and start your ideas working for an award.

Members of the Suggestion Committee are: Colonel Leonard Swan-



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. James A. Berrens, a boy, **David Michael**, weight 8 pounds and 15 ounces, born 4 August.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Paul A. Morris, a girl, **Helene Rachelle**, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces, born 4 August.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Perry J. Stockman, a girl, **Bonnie Ann**, born 7 August 1947.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Lawrence Bilotta, a girl, **Alice Margaret**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 8 August.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Carl Hennessy, a boy, **Thomas Michael**, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces, born 9 August.

son, Major Irving I. Faling, Captain Stanley F. Ochocinsky, Raymond V. Shine and Miss Mary Bensen.

After the suggestion is submitted it is considered and investigated by the members of this committee, and if it is found usable, a recommendation is made to the commanding officer that it be adopted and an award paid. During the investigation of its practicability, the identity of the suggestor is not known to those who pass on the usefulness of the idea.

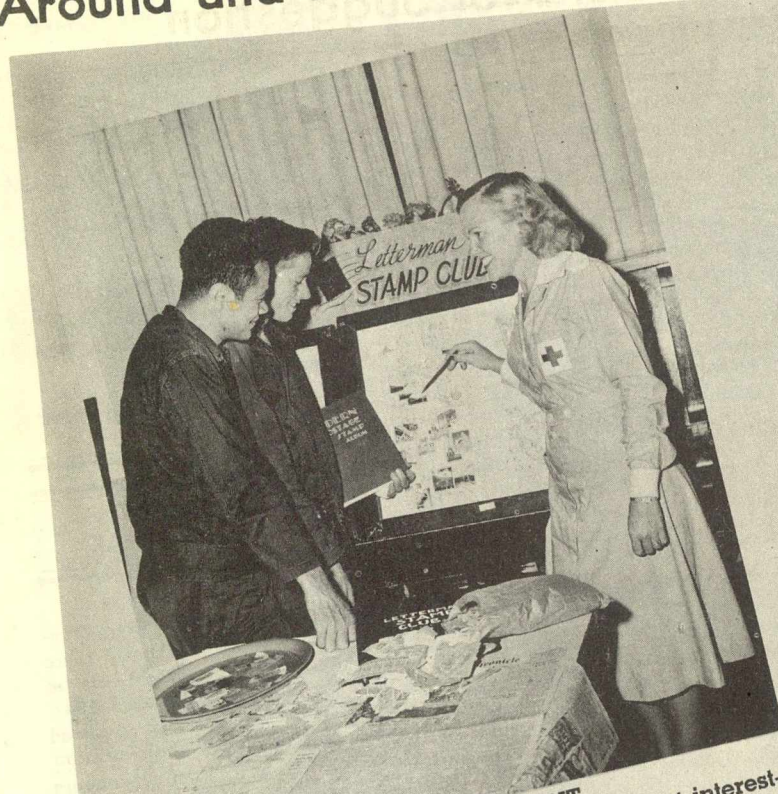
Civilian personnel are eligible for cash awards; military personnel are rewarded with the equivalent of cash—furloughs and promotions.

It is a simple matter to submit a suggestion. It works this way:

1. Obtain a suggestion blank from your supervisor or from Civilian Personnel Office, Room 201, Administration Building, LGH.
2. Write your suggestion briefly and clearly in the space provided on the blank.
3. Drop it in one of the Suggestion Boxes on the ramp.

The Suggestion Committee does the rest. And there is no limit to the number of suggestions you may submit.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



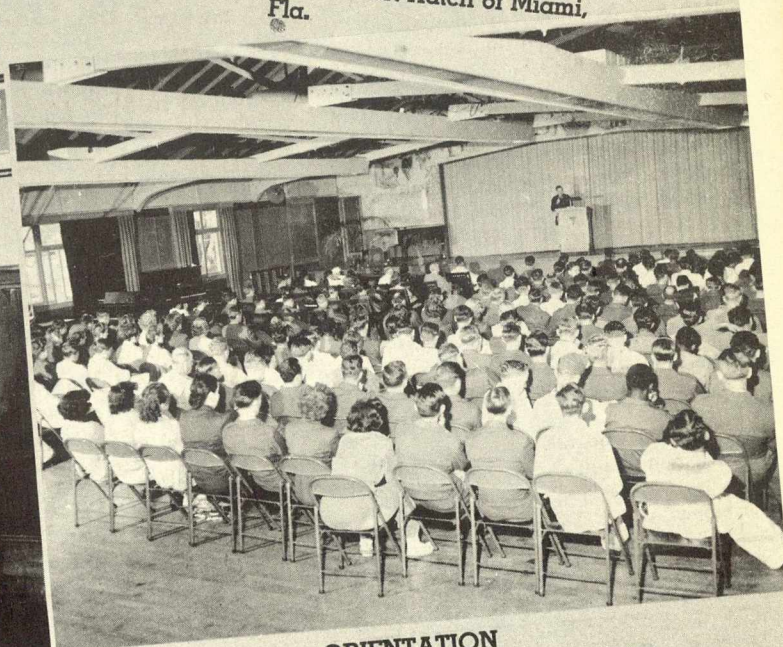
STAMP EXHIBIT
Mrs. Fern Tompkins, Gray Lady, points out interesting stamps to Sgt. Robert Moeai, of Honolulu, and Pvt. Gerald E. Baucum, of Oregon.



THE BARBECUE CLUB CHEFS
Display their skill to Mrs. Milton L. Colton, Gray Lady. The chefs are Sgt. Woodrow Silverthorn (left) of Palmer Lake, Colo., and Pvt. Robert Hatch of Miami, Fla.



MORE CAPTAINS
Major E. A. Paxson, hospital adjutant, congratulates medical officers upped to Captain. L to R -- Major Paxson, Captains Richard L. Anderegg, Lionel M. Bernstein, Karl Stillwater, Irving A. Friedman, Haskell F. Norman, and Dwight C. Dawson.



ORIENTATION
With Chaplain Albert F. Click at the rostrum.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

"WELL DONE"

It was with pardonable pride that our commanding officer and the staff at Letterman heard these words from the Surgeon General of the Army after he had completed his inspection of the command this week.

Major General Raymond W. Bliss paid his first visit here in his recently acquired role of Surgeon General. Before attaining to that high station he served 30 years in the Medical Department and is well acquainted with the mission of the army general hospitals.

As Deputy Surgeon General he had in the course of his travels visited every general hospital within the continental limits during the war days and had gone to every front while the battles still raged. He knew what was expected of the Medical Department and it was his job to insure the best possible care of our sick and wounded at home and overseas.

As the Surgeon General it is still his job to maintain the high standards achieved in the war days and carried on to the days of peace. There has been no let down in the quality of the professional care for our sick and wounded by the personnel of the Medical Department.

The head of the service appreciates what we at Letterman are doing to carry out the mission of the Medical Department. He expressed that ap-



Lieutenant Colonel Elsie E. Schneider and the nurses of the command entertained at tea in the Nurses Recreation Hall on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Mary G. Phillips, Assistant Chief, Army Nurse Corps. The Surgeon General, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, currently visiting the post was also among those present.

Captain Elizabeth N. Johnson has left on a 24-day leave for a visit to her home in Plainfield, Wisconsin, while 1st Lieut. Betty J. Wipperfurth tops her by one day—25 days—for a visit to Lewiston, Idaho, and 1st Lieut. Eileen P. Casey took off on a 15-day leave amid signs indicating matrimony in the offing.

1st Lieut. Primrose Gifford has been sold a new Fraser car and it will get a real work out among her friends, we are told.

Our reporter brings in an item about several of the nurses who spent a week end at Yosemite enjoying the scenery, the "grisly" bears, "n" everythin'.

New arrivals among the nurses are 1st Lieut. Anna B. Astrosky, back from civil life for extended active duty. She had formerly served in Korea. And two from Brooke General Hospital; 1st Lieut. Lora R. Browning and 1st Lieut. Mildred E. Roark, who have just completed a course in psychiatric nursing.

The tidbits served at the reception for the Surgeon General at the Officers Club on Tuesday afternoon were prepared by a trio which was organized at Pratt General Hospital and recently transferred to this station. Orchids should go to Captain Velma L. Richardson, Chief Dietitian, Captain Sue Fairbanks, PT, and Capt. Ruth S. Porter for their definite contribution toward the success of the occasion.

Miss Mary Kay Berteling, OT Head, now has room in the "Mercury" for passengers according to the grapevine. Call WEst 1-9839.

preciation in the time honored encomium of the service—
WELL DONE.

THE OBSERVER SAW

The new photo mural in the Information Office and how it helps visitors from being lost in the maze of Letterman.

Familiar faces at the reception in honor of the Surgeon General on Tuesday at the Letterman Officers Club—among others: Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, Brigadier General Albert E. Truby, Colonel Euclid B. Frick—all former commanding officers at this hospital.

Mrs. Helen (Grandma) Diez back at her desk in the File Room and that needle and thread again handy for the bachelor who loses a button.

Colonel William S. Shuttleworth moving in to ward L-1 to share a room with Colonel Terry Bull. Old buddies together again.

The Golf Program arranged by Special Services: Monday at the Presidio, Tuesday at Lake Merced, Wednesday at Lincoln, Thursday at Harding Park, and Friday at Crystal Springs—all day trip with lunch to boot.

Lieutenant Dorothy Johnson running her jalopy on no gas—almost.

Work started at the new bowling alleys in the former transportation pool shed.

Flash from St. Louis Medical Depot—Tech. Sgt. Charles Wilcox on TDY there for training has measles.

The popular Hilda Mansfield leaving the PX Grill but remaining here in another capacity.

While the struggle for the rights of man goes forward in other parts of the world, the free people of America cannot look on with easy detachment, with indifference to the outcome. In our effort to make permanent the peace of the world, we have much to preserve—much to improve—and much to pioneer. As we strive to reach the fulfillment of our quest we will do well to recall the words of Thomas Jefferson: "I have sworn, upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."—Harry S. Truman.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 17 August, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

MORE ABOUT SURGEON GENERAL

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were battle injury and wound patients. In addition to these, there were 6,171 non-Army patients in Army hospitals on 30 May 1947. These non-Army patients consisted chiefly of Veterans Administration beneficiaries and civilian dependents of Army personnel. The average patient-load was reduced greatly during the past year, largely as a result of the decreased size of the Army and because of the transfer of long-term cases to the Veterans Administration. For comparison, the number of Army patients in hospital and quarters as of 31 May 1946 was about 95,000."

"The monthly number of patients evacuated to the United States from overseas has fallen off considerably since the end of the war; for example only 1,732 evacuees were received in May 1947; this compares with the May 1945 peak of about 57,000."

Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer of Letterman, was host at a reception on Tuesday afternoon at the Officers Club in honor of the Surgeon General at which the professional consultants were invited to meet General Bliss.

General Bliss and his official party left San Francisco on Friday by plane en route to Washington with a stopover planned at Denver, Colorado, for a brief visit to Fitzsimons General Hospital.

The Sweetest path of life leads through the avenues of learning, and whoever can open up the way for another, ought, so far, to be esteemed a benefactor to mankind.—David Hume.

IN MEMORIAM



JAY Y. CONNELL

Technical Sergeant Jay Y. Connell, the soldier with the longest period of continuous service at Letterman, ended his military career in death here last Friday morning.

Sgt. Connell enlisted in the army at Los Angeles on 31 December 1917. After brief periods of service at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii and Camp Fremont in California he transferred to the Medical Department in 1919 and came to Letterman where he remained until taken by death. He would have completed 30 years of honorable and faithful service at the end of this year.

During his service at Letterman he was on duty at the commissary, in the power house, in the electrical shop for 16 years, and more recently in Grounds and Maintenance. All of his nine discharges on completion of enlistments merited "Character—Excellent" and he was an "old soldier" who typified the best traditions of the military service.

Funeral services were held at the Halsted Funeral Parlors on Monday afternoon with ceremonies conducted by Seal Rock Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was a member. Interment followed at Golden Gate National Cemetery, with Chaplain Albert F. Click officiating, and the following non commissioned officers as pallbearers: Master Sergeants Percy Carnes, Roscoe Holloway, Erich P. Matthews, Charles Mehr, Orlin D. Oxenrider, Theodore Schmierer, Otto Stewart, and Thomas H. Werry, First Sergeant Arnold L. Barden, Tech. Sgts. Rudolph O. Shellhorn, William I.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By SGT. H. M. TAYLOR, JR.
Armed Forces Press Service

The long awaited Army and Navy Promotion Bill got the nod from the Senate before the 80th Congress took off for the hinterland and at this writing is in the hands of the President for his signature.

Gist of the new promotion legislation is that it makes necessary improvements in the present Navy system of promotion by selection and changes the present Army system of promotion by seniority to a selection system.

The bill does not give either the Army or Navy as many full generals and admirals as originally was requested. As the Promotion Bill now stands, the Army will get five full generals, the Navy five admirals, the Air Force four generals, and the Marines one general.

In an efficient summation of the effect of the new law upon all Army officers, Brig. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, Deputy Director of Personnel and Administration, declared: "It will prevent the lagging from unlimited security regardless of their efficiency or lack of it."

Gen. Dahlquist declared that the act:

1. Assures sufficient officers in each grade at all times and permits promotion of officers to fill vacancies.

2. Assures officers at all times of permanent promotion to first lieutenant, captain, major and lieutenant colonel on completion of 3, 7, 14 and 21 years' service.

3. Will make officers eligible for grade of colonel after 22 years' service.

4. Makes all officers regardless of branch eligible for permanent selection to general officer grade.

5. Greatly increases the opportunity open to all officers because it prevents a few fortunate officers reaching high rank at an early age and remaining in those positions for long times, thus stagnating those below them.

In the final flood of legislation, the Senate managed to approve the following bills and send them off the Chief Executive:

1. Establishment of a Medical Service Corps in the Army and Navy Medical Departments.

2. Abolition of income tax exemptions for all servicemen after Jan. 1, 1949.

The 80th Congress came within \$234,261,000 of granting the Army the funds if needed for operating

Murphy, and Staff Sergeant Paul E. Jewell.

Sgt. Connell is survived by his sister, Mrs. Bessie V. Wolf, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a brother, David W. Connell, of Santa Barbara, Calif.

The sympathy of the command is extended to his family on the pass-

during the fiscal year 1948. The cut in the military budget will force the War Department to drop 12,500 officers, 650 warrant officers and 58,371 civilians.

The Army's tentative career plan was saved when the Senate outlawed a House proposal to reduce by 50 per cent the necessary 5,205 warrant officers.

Men who plan to cash their terminal leave bonds on or after Sept. 2 have been advised by the Treasury Department that they must present their discharge papers as identification.

Treasury Department officials also warned bond holders not to mail the bonds to the Treasury, War, or Navy Departments or the Veterans Administration because they would be mailed right back—after considerable delay.

Enlisted men being returned to the U.S. for separation now have the option of remaining in the European Command up to the final month before separation, or returning to this country six months prior to their normal separation date for assignment to a unit for the duration of their enlistment.

This was announced by the European Command in a plan designed to utilize to the fullest the final months of all tours of duty.

Reconversion note: Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Superintendent of West Point, has announced that the title "master of the sword" has been changed to "director of physical education."

Secretary of Defense James Forrestal has been given a plan prepared by the joint chiefs of staff to revamp the armed services in and around the continental United States.

The plan provides for a single commander with a staff of Army, Navy and Air officers directly under the joint chiefs who would command the defense of the nation's borders.

According to the tentative unified home defense plan, the nation would be divided into strategic areas, each to have its own single commander over all three forces.

Corregidor Memorial

Manila (A F P S) — Historic Corregidor formally has been turned over by the U.S. Army to the Philippines Republic.

The Philippines Government has announced it will convert the famous "rock," where the small army of Americans and Filipinos made their hopeless stand against the Japanese, into a war memorial.

ing of an admired comrade, good friend, and loyal soldier.

WAC OF THE WEEK

DOROTHY G. BENNETT
Staff Sergeant

The question has been asked so often of late "Who is the new blonde at the Information Desk?" that we wish to answer once and for all, that she is Staff Sergeant Dorothy G. Bennett and she is not new at all but has been with us for a long time—ever since March 1945 in fact.

Dorothy was a surgical technician for more than a year after joining the Letterman staff and belonged to that group which works and works and never gets a mention beyond the immediate circle of endeavor. She was discharged in August 1946 and when she re-enlisted a short time later she came right to the front, as near as she could get to the front doors—The Information Desk.

Sgt. Bennett is a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, and went through high school in her home town. For a while she was employed with the Goodyear Aircraft Company at Akron and joined the WAC at Cincinnati. Basic training was had at Fort Des Moines and the first assignment was at Fitzsimons General Hospital. She tarried for a spell at Fort Francis E. Warren before coming to Letterman.

It is obvious that a lot of questions are tossed at Dorothy in the day's work and we know that a lot of the boys think up questions as a pretext for making conversation, but the young lady knows all the answers. She had to learn to survive because in the Bennett family there are four boys and "Sis" had to fight her way to eminence in the family circle.

The sergeant was a little late in reporting last Sunday morning. The night man who was waiting to be relieved was asked: "Where's the blonde?" He yawned and replied "Probably having trouble with her hair." Could be.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Isabel Cannon, Military Personnel, is back at her desk after spending three weeks at home combating the flu.

Ruth Staley, part time typing instructor, has transferred from the Adjutant's Office to the Claims & Investigation office.

According to postcards received from Mary McFadden, Public Information office, and Dorcas Rosenfeld, they haven't been arrested in Phoenix, Arizona—yet.

Regina Pope has transferred from the Neuropsychiatric Service here at Letterman to the overseas section in Tokio where she will work for the War Department. She left this week for Seattle where she will board a ship headed for Japan.

Fred Crawford, Dental Section, is spending his vacation at home in Marvelous Marin.

Marion Breach, Military Personnel, and her husband Reginald, will start their vacation next week and they will travel by car on a "flight schedule." They will make stops at Lake Tahoe, Reno, Salt Lake, Yellowstone Park, Glacier National Park, and Lake Louise in Canada—all in two weeks.

Esther Grobler, Civilian Personnel, is spending her vacation at Lake Tahoe.

Beverly Alexander, formerly a WAC here at Letterman and also at Dante, is now working in Surgical Service as a stenographer.

A welcome is extended to the following new employees of Letterman: Lea McGregor, Neuropsychiatric Service; Nadine Mannes, Receiving Office; and Edna Colvin, a civilian nurse.

Vets Urged to Make Terminal Leave Claims

Washington (AFPS)—Veterans, granted an extra year for filing claims under the new Armed Forces Leave Act, are urged to make application for leave pay without delay in order to obtain quick payment.

Armed services paying officials pointed out that former servicemen now are given an option of receiving cash or bonds. Bonds will be cashable on and after Sept. 2, 1947.

The revised law applies to former officers, former enlisted men and to all bondholders now in uniform.

CHANGES IN ARMY CHOW NOW IN CHARGE OF CHARMING CAPTAIN



Captain VELMA L. RICHARDSON, MDD
Newly assigned Chief Dietitian in charge of Food Service for Letterman.

There is a trite saying that food has a lot to do with man's affections and one young lady around here is in a fair way to being loved by every man in the command.

Even though the army has been feeding men ever since we had an army a little study disclosed the fact that the mess plan could be improved and a recent directive reorganized the mess as a result of exhaustive research. Under the new set up the food service program is directly under the chief dietitian who in turn is responsible directly to the commanding officer.

Captain Velma L. Richardson, Medical Department Dietitian, is the lady who has been assigned to carry out the new orders of things, and she is also an officer. It amends the ancient title "Officer and gentleman" by the addition of "or lady" but we were discussing the mess and strayed afield. Let's go back.

Our chief dietitian is a native of Oklahoma, town of Altus, where she went through Junior High and finished at Oklahoma City. Then on to the University where she majored in food and nutrition and graduated with a bachelor's degree.

She interned at City & County Hospital, Dallas, for one year and then took on a state position in connection with the school luncheon program for 16 counties.

The army called and Captain Richardson entered the military service in July 1942. She spent the first 18 months in the station hospital at Kirkland Field and then joined the 81st General Hospital which moved over to ETO for a sojourn of 20 months. On her return to the mainland in 1945 she was assigned to Wakeman General Hospital and when that institution closed the next stop was at Pratt General Hospital. It was not of her doing but Pratt also closed and last June the captain reported here for duty with the screening board for applicants for permanent commission in the Women's Medical Specialists Service Corps. We liked her so well that she became a permanent member of our staff.

The new food service program is being initiated at Letterman under the most favorable auspices and Captain Richardson has the training and ability to make the program a complete success.

And we are all on her side.

MEDICAL DETACH

Cpl. Wayne Sturtivant, Correspondence Section, is spending his three-day pass with his parents, who are here on two weeks vacation from Independence, Kansas.

T/3 Lawrence Riley, Dental Laboratory, received a three-day pass to visit his uncle in Modesto, who is ill.

Pvt. Alex Torres, Dietetics Branch, will spend his three-day pass in Los Angeles.

Pvt. Olin White, Receiving Office, is planning to spend his 18-day furlough in Winfield, Kansas, with his parents.

Pfc. Holger Ostlund, Pharmacy, will see his home town of Gladstone, Michigan, when he starts his 20-day furlough this week.

M/Sgt. James M. Malone, Ward C-51, took a three-day pass last week to settle business matters in Orland, California.

Pfc. Ellis McDiffet, Out Patient Service, is spending his 18-day furlough in Dwight, Kansas.

Sgt. William Morales, Military Police, took a three-day pass recently, to visit his wife, who is ill. She lives in San Diego.

T/5 Robert Owens, Ground and Maintenance, picked up a COD package that was being held for him at the post office—but he had to take a three-day pass because the post office was in Marysville, California.

Breaking away but not far away from his duties, First Sergeant Arnold Barden of the Medical Detachment office took a three-day pass to spend in San Francisco.

First Sergeant Orlin Oxenreider, Medical Detachment office, is contemplating a trip to St. Louis in the near future, but has not made any definite plans.

Cpl. Jack Ryan, Publications Department, took a three-day pass to go hunting in Boulder Creek, California.

Some time let us all take a three-day pass and go fishing.

Date: "If you kiss me I'll scream."

Dater: "But there's no one within hearing distance."

Date: "Then what are you afraid of?"

WAC

Lt. Col. Mary Louise Milligan has been appointed Deputy Director of the Women's Army Corps, WAC headquarters has announced.

A member of the WAC since its inception, Lt. Col. Milligan was commissioned a second lieutenant after completion of training in the first WAC officer candidate school.

The WAC's new deputy director wears the Legion of Merit, WAC, American Theater and Victory Ribbons.

One of the attractions of army life is the uncertain element. Bog down for a snug winter and along comes orders for a change of station. It is about to happen to Captain Marion B. Chapin and Captain Alice L. Dahnke and rumor says ETO.

Bogged down in the hospital this week in the role of patients are Sgt. Dorothy M. Gustafson on ward G-1 with an aching foot and Staff Sgt. Margaret Drescher on ward N-1.

The dinner dance on Friday evening at the NCO club was something to remember and repeat soon, we hope. And that turkey—yum, yum.

We always like to see the former members of the detachment and maybe they like to see us. Recent visitors were Rebecca Monroy, Mrs. James Liles and baby Mitchell, Josephine Jacobs, Ruby Guimont, and Bobbie Allison.

Re-enlisting for our ranks is Mildred Stech.

On foreign soil we are represented by Captain Ernestine L. Stephenson who is the WAC company commander in Berlin and with her are Sgt. Duke, Feinman, Hartman, and Cummings. The Berlin Company soft ball team is scheduled to play the team from Vienna this week and with the Viennese are T/Sgt. Eton and Sgt. Higgins. All ex—from Letterman.

The detachment is now down to 58 women.

A pretty girl got on a crowded bus. When a wan-looking soldier started to get up, she pushed him back down in his seat and said she preferred to stand. He started to get up again and she pushed him back again.

After a couple more attempts to stand up and getting the same treatment, he yelled: "Now, listen, lady! I passed my stop two blocks back. Let me out."

FROM TEXAS TO TENNESSEE TO— COLONEL WHITFIELD MOVES WEST



Lt. Colonel ROBERT L. WHITFIELD, Jr.
Who received orders for a new station in China this week.

The "powers that be" keep whit-tling away at the old timers on the Letterman staff and the latest to be alerted is Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Whitfield, Jr., the commanding officer of the Hospital Train Unit here.

Colonel Whitfield reported at Letterman in October 1944 and served as assistant chief, Medical Service, until March 1945 when he was assigned as officer in charge, Receiving and Evacuation Section. In that capacity he supervised the reception of thousands of war wounded from the Pacific Area and their subsequent removal to hospitals in the interior. When Crissy Annex was opened as the debarkation hospital he moved down there in command.

Colonel Whitfield was born in Montgomery County, Texas, the particular spot where this event occurred had no special name of its own. He went to school at Hardin-Simmons College, where he received his Bachelor Degree in Art and later

completed his medical course for an M. D. at Bailey University in Dallas.

The colonel was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in 1930 and ordered to extended active duty with the CCC in 1933 and continued with that organization until called into the army in 1940.

He served at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., Camp Gruber in Oklahoma, and Camp Sibert, Alabama, before going overseas in April 1943 as Commanding Officer of a Station Hospital. His unit saw active combat service in North Africa and in Italy. He was among the first group of officers integrated into the Regular Army in September 1946.

He is a native of Texas, and unusually low spoken for a man from the "Lone Star" state. In matrimony he pledged allegiance to Tennessee which may have tempered a normal booming voice. Mrs. Whitfield hails from Jamestown, Tenn., the home of the famed Sergeant York.

Under his orders Col. Whitfield

Bond Bill Law; Pres. Asks Vets To Take It Easy

Washington (AFPS) — More than 9,000,000 veterans holding Terminal Leave Bonds will be permitted to cash them any time after Sept. 1, 1947, according to provisions of the Bond Bill signed by Pres. Truman.

The new law gives vets the option of holding the bonds as long as five years at two and one-half per cent annual interest or of cashing any or all of them after Sept. 1 with accrued interest from time of discharge.

Pres. Truman originally had opposed the legislation but he signed the bill after it had passed both House and Senate unanimously.

Although he signed the measure, the Chief Executive appealed to bond holders not to cash them unless they urgently needed the money.

"For the convenience of bond holders," Pres. Truman stated, "the Treasury Department is making arrangements with banks and other financial institutions in order that bonds may be cashed in local communities without cost to veterans."

"I wish to emphasize strongly that it is to the veterans' best interest that they keep their bonds if they do not absolutely need to cash them now. Almost two billion dollars of bonds are outstanding."

"If a sizable proportion of these bonds should be redeemed in the near future, general inflationary pressures, which we have been endeavoring to control, would receive a substantial boost."

"Several hundred million new dollars poured into the spending stream would exert a strong upward pressure on prices. If, on the other hand, veterans choose the wise course, hold their bonds and continue to draw two and one-half per cent interest, their dollars will buy more when they cash their bonds after inflationary conditions have eased."

An additional \$500,000,000 in terminal leave bonds will be claimed by veterans who have not yet filed claims, the War Department reported. These vets will have the option of taking cash or bonds.

The new bill also extends until Sept. 1, 1948, the deadline for applying for all terminal leave payments.

will head into the setting sun and become an asset to the outfit he joins, but right now he is back in Tennessee for rest, rehabilitation, and recuperation after the very active tour of duty he has had at Letterman.

Softball

In a game marked by errors, long extra base hits, tight pitchers battles, and heated arguments, the Letterman Softball Team took first place in the second half of the Army-Navy Bay Area Softball League by defeating Camp Stoneman 4-3.

Going into the last half of the fifth inning with Stoneman leading by a score of 3-2, Jim Schultz started the ball rolling by lining a single to center field. Howard Walker's infield grounder forced Schultz at second, but he was safe at first as the attempted double play failed. Then Joe Surowicz, the Letterman pitcher, came through with a hard hit single that sent Walker all the way to third. When the Stoneman right fielder threw the ball over the third baseman's head, Walker scored the tying run, and Surowicz came all the way around to score what proved to be the winning tally.

This victory brought about a three game playoff between the two teams to determine the League Championship.

The first game was played at Camp Stoneman on Monday. It was a pitcher's battle all the way, with Stoneman finally taking it by the margin of 1-0. Bruce Dryer was the losing pitcher, giving up six hits, while Jim Forrest pitched a two hit shutout for the winners.

Eligible

Retired officers and enlisted men of the armed forces may now represent veterans in claims against Veterans Administration as accredited representatives of the 68 national and state organizations authorized to file such claims, VA announced today.

The last session of Congress passed a bill making them eligible for this work and it became law upon the President's approval.

Heretofore, the provisions of certain penal statutes prohibited retired members of the armed forces from serving in this capacity.

The new law, removing this prohibition, includes all retired officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard when they are accredited representatives of an organization recognized by VA under section 200 of Public Law 844, 74th Congress.

Many of these men are lawyers and doctors whom service organizations desire to use as accredited representatives because of their specialized knowledge.

Warmin' the Bench

By SGT. DAVE MARKSON

(AFPS)—Late in July, Baseball made its annual pilgrimage to the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York. Eleven old-time stars, who played in the era previous to 1920, were honored, along with four modern aces. Most of the old-timers had died long before the presentation of the plaques honoring them, and there is an uncalled-for hollowness in the complete Hall of Fame set-up because of it.

The old man in black they call death flits in and out of the shadows all the time, and too often it is only after one of his forays that we fully realize the worth of those he has taken. "He was a crack pitcher," they say, or "a powerful hitter," when a former diamond star passes, and it is usually only after death that the stars of old achieve the glory rightly theirs.

The baseball shrine at Cooperstown is comparatively new. It is obvious, therefore, that countless former diamond greats have not yet been honored there. It is thought that the true meaning of the Hall of Fame would be destroyed by the addition of too large a list of names, so two separate units yearly make a careful selection of two groups worthy of inclusion. This year the old timers picked a group which included Jack Chesbro, Toe Tinker, Rube Waddell, Frank Chance, Tommy McCarthy, Johnny Evers and others. Most of these men have passed on, but there is adequate excuse for their not being selected before. The Hall of Fame is too new to have gotten around to them before their deaths anyhow.

But what of the modern ball players? Four were honored at the July 21 ceremonies: Frank

Frisch, Carl Hubbell, Bob Grove and Mickey Cochrane. Four in one year. At such a pace it would take 20 to 30 years before such immortals as Jimmy Foxx, Al Simmons, Paul Waner, Bill Dickey, Luke Appling, Gabby Hartnett, Frank Crossetti, Lon Warneke and the countless others who deserve selection would be duly honored. And that old man in black does not wait.

There are two logical solutions to the problem. A group of old timers should be appointed—men who know, for example, that the Orval Overall who passed away recently in California was one of the finest pitchers in National League history. These men should select not 11, but 111, or even more, former stars for immediate placement in the Hall of Fame. Secondly, the vote-total stipulations should be cut so that many more than four modern players will be chosen each year.

Millions of Americans appreciate baseball and baseball players. The time to show that appreciation is not after their deaths, but now.

CHATTER. . . Ken Strong has signed another Giant contract and is ready for his thirteenth season of pro football. . . Ty Cobb, Nap Rucker and Ed Cicotte, baseball immortals, were sold by Augusta to the big time for approximately \$1,800. . . Says Gus Lesnevich, on Joe Louis: "I want no part of that guy." . . Bobo Newsom denies the authenticity of a letter, signed by him, found among the recently opened Abraham Lincoln papers. . .

Keep an eye on ex-welter champ Marty Servo, in comeback. Marty was out a year with a nose that Rocky Graziano flattened. . . Burt Shotton is so in love with outfielder Carl Furillo's arm that he calls it "peg o' my heart."

MORE ABOUT MEDICAL SERVICE CORPSS

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vices of non medical specialists freed the physician from an enormous load of responsibilities not strictly in his field and enabled him to spend more of his time in direct treatment of patients. It relieved him especially from arduous administrative duties.

During World War I, half the commissioned personnel of the medical department were physicians. In the last war this percentage had fallen to about one third, with the difference taken up largely by specialists in fields allied to medicine. This is bound to be more the situation in the future as the ramifications of medicine extend into other sciences and new problems arise.

It would have been impractical to have created a multiplicity of separate corps—such as a psychologists corps or a bacteriologists corps. This would have involved a difficult administrative problem and probably much duplication of effort. Furthermore, such corps would have been set up with necessarily arbitrary restrictions in the form of educational requirements and the like. It is impossible to predict what kind of a specialist will be needed tomorrow.

Under the present legislation the Surgeon General is free to use his discretion, as the need arises. An expert in enzyme chemistry, for example, can be given a regular commission in the new Medical Service Corps with no more complications than would be involved in commissioning a Brain Surgeon in the Medical Corps.

The strength of the new corps will be prescribed by the Secretary of War. Grades will range from Second Lieutenant to Colonel.

An Englishman and an American were presented to the potentate of an Eastern county. As the Oriental looked over the Englishman's passport, he remarked: "I see you are a British subject."

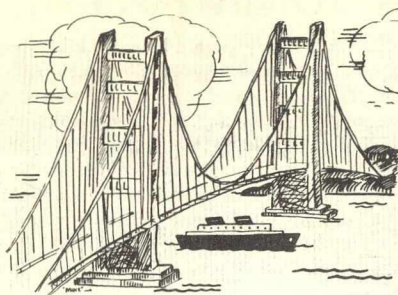
"I am, sir," replied the Briton with pride.

"And you," said the monarch, turning to the American, "are a subject of the United States."

The American gazed at the ruler in amazement. "Subject!" he exclaimed. "I own part of the United States!"

Please Bring 'Em Back Alive





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Promotion Given Five Officers on LGH Staff

In keeping with the custom established since he assumed the command of Letterman, Colonel D. F.

Winn acted as the representative of the Letterman Officers Club in presenting twin bar insignia to five newly promoted captains this week. Major Earle A. Paxson, Hospital Adjutant, read the official order announcing the promotions and the commanding officer pinned the bars on the new captains.

Promoted were: Captain Donald A. Champaign, of Los Angeles, and graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, who entered on extended active duty on 6 August 1946. He has been at Letterman since 2 February 1947. Captain Theodore G. Kabza, of Muskegon, Mich., and graduate of the University of Michigan, who entered on extended active duty 7 August 1946 and reported to Letterman on 2 February 1947. Captain John C. Lyons, of Minneapolis, Minn., and graduate of the University of Illinois, on extended active duty 6 August 1946, who joined the staff here on 1 February 1947. Captain James G. Rohn, of Visalia, Calif., and graduate of Tulane University at New Orleans, La., on extended active duty since 7 August 1946 and at Letterman since 3 February 1947. Captain Kai H. Pihl, of Los Angeles, and a graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, on extended active duty since 7 August 1946, who has been with us since 3 February 1947.

These officers were educated under the Army Student Training Program during the late war and agree to serve two years with the armed forces after graduation.



THE COMMANDING OFFICER
Chats with Mr. John Boles on the occasion of his visit here this week.

COL. BLITCH VIEWS TRAINING PLANS

Colonel Clifford G. Blich, MC., acting Chief of the Medical Consultants Division, office of the Surgeon General, was a Letterman visitor this week in connection with the residency training program for the officers on the Medical Service.

Colonel Blich was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in 1928 and in the Regular Army in 1933. During the war he was the

commanding officer of the 99th Evacuation Hospital and saw service with his command in the Pacific area with stops at New Guinea, Morotai, Mindanao, and Japan. He was subsequently surgeon for the 11th Army Corps.

The colonel has been on the staff of the Surgeon General for the past 18 months and in his present capacity he is making visits of inspection

Medical Officers Arrive Here for Special Training

Thirty six young medical officers have reported at Letterman for a ninety day tour of temporary duty for instruction in minor specialties. They have recently completed the course at the Brooke Army Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Those designated for training in anesthesiology are: First Lieutenants Hoyt H. Allen, Timmy F. Brinton, William H. L. Dornette, John A. Jenicek, William M. Matthews, Lester L. Wilcox.

For training in pediatrics: First Lieutenants Eldon B. Berglund, Boyden L. Crouch, Paul F. Formel, Kenneth J. Hovanick, Charles H. Kelsall, Glen E. McCormick, Edward J. Powers, Alan H. Reckhow, Harry J. Umlauf, Silver A. Wilson.

For training in radiology: First Lieutenants David Gelbard, Harold R. Griffith, Charles W. Massey, Richard J. Neubauer, Van D. Peterson, Jr.

For training in Neuropsychiatry: First Lieutenants Harry E. Carlin, Myron Feld, John E. Hemmen, Allen F. Hendy, James T. Shelton, Robert Taines.

For training in ophthalmology: First Lieutenants Edwin Blair, Robert E. Fischer, John P. Harrod, Jr., Gordon Q. Vancil, Mededith A. Van Pelt.

For training in otolaryngology: First Lieutenants Jack S. Campbell, Robert J. Forbes, Floyd C. Jarrell, Jr., Dominic J. Palmintier.

to all of the general hospitals where the residency training program is in progress. He left here on Wednesday morning for Madigan General Hospital at Tacoma, Wash., and will also make a visit to Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver before returning to Washington.

OFFICERS PERSONNEL ACT OF 1947 -- A SUMMARY

The enactment of the "Officers Personnel Act of 1947" gives the Army a new and comprehensive system for the appointment, promotion and elimination of Regular Army officers. This system was evolved after more than a year of detailed research, study and consultation among the major components and agencies of the Army. The purpose of this summary is to acquaint all officers with the significant features of the Act.

General

The Regular Army and the Air Force are authorized on active list strength of 51,000 commissioned officers. Separate promotion lists will be established for the Army, Air Corps, Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Medical Service Corps, Veterinary Corps, and Chaplains Corps. Within each list, maximum numbers in each grade are established as a percentage of the authorized strength of that list. These percentages cannot exceed: colonel, 8 per cent; lieutenant colonel, 14 per cent; major, 19 per cent; captain, 23 per cent; first lieutenant, 18 per cent; second lieutenant, 18 per cent. Additional strength is authorized in any grade to compensate for shortages in higher grades. The numbers in general officer grade are also prescribed by specific strength percentages.

Upon the establishment of the United States Air Force under the provisions of the Unification Act, the Air Corps list will become a U. S. Air Force promotion list. The provisions of the Officers Personnel Act of 1947 will then be applicable to the U. S. Air Force. Ultimately this U. S. Air Force list will consist of officers now in the Air Corps and those who transfer to the U. S. Air Force during the two-year transition period.

Appointment

Officers will be appointed in the Air Corps, the several Corps of the Medical Department, the Chaplains Corps, and as professors of the Military Academy. All other officers will be appointed in the Regular Army without reference to branch. Officers will continue to be members of a particular arm or service, but this will be by virtue of assignment rather than appointment. Transfers between branches will be accomplished by direction of the Secretary of War without the requirement of a new presidential appointment.

Promotion

Will be by selection for all grades

above first lieutenant, and all officers, regardless of branch, will have the same opportunity for advancement. Medical Department officers, Chaplains and JAG officers are placed on the same promotion schedule as other officers. However, to adjust their promotion standing to reflect the extra years of education required by their profession, officers appointed to these lists after 1 January 1948 will receive constructive service credits for promotion purposes (four years for doctors, three for dentists, chaplains and lawyers, and two for veterinarians). Preintegration officers of the Medical Department and Chaplains Corps also receive certain service credits for promotion purposes to insure them proper seniority on their list. Additionally, officers appointed from the Reserves in 1942-45, inclusive, will receive promotion credit for active commissioned Federal service performed after 7 December 1941, as is now given officers appointed under the integration program.

Second lieutenants may be promoted to first lieutenant, in order of seniority, to fill vacancies in that grade; however, they will be promoted automatically on completion of three years service regardless of vacancy. Though promotion for this group is not by selection, those found to be not fully qualified shall have their commissions revoked.

The maximum time in grade for promotion to captain, major, and lieutenant colonel is lowered to 7, 14, and 21 years respectively. Promotions to these grades may be made in a shorter time from among those recommended by selection boards composed of senior officers. Those recommended as "Fully qualified" are placed on permanent recommended lists in the order of their seniority, and are promoted from that list to fill vacancies in the higher grade. No officer will be considered for selection without considering all others senior to him on the appropriate promotion list, and no officer will be promoted before any officer ahead of him on the recommended list. Officers on a recommended list will be promoted to captain, major and lieutenant colonel on reaching 7, 14, and 21 years service, even though the authorized percentages in those grades may be thereby temporarily exceeded.

To meet initial requirements in the above three grades promotions

will be made on or about 1 July 1948. Those officers who, on 30 June 1948, will have served 7, 14, and 21 years will be promoted to the grade of captain, major, or lieutenant colonel. To the extent that additional vacancies will exist, additional promotions will be made from officers selected by selection boards as "fully qualified" or selected as "best qualified" from a list of named officers furnished by the Secretary of War. No officer may be listed for consideration without considering all officers senior to him on the applicable promotion list (except in the case of officers who served in temporary general officer grades during the War). However, officers with outstanding war records may be considered for selection to a higher grade ahead of their seniors in permanent grade. No limitation is placed on the number of officers who may be listed for consideration. Officers not selected for this initial promotion will not be deemed to have failed of selection for purposes of forced elimination hereinafter mentioned.

Selection boards will select and recommend the "best qualified" officers for promotion to colonel, brigadier general, and major general from among officers in the next lower grade listed for consideration by the Secretary of War, in the order of their seniority. After 30 June 1949, officers will be eligible for consideration and appointment in these grades upon completion of 1 year in the next lower grade of permanent appointment.

Chiefs and assistant chiefs of the various services will be selected from qualified officers, down to and including lieutenant colonels who have had actual extended duty in that particular service. An appropriate list will be furnished by the Secretary of War to a board of five general officers for consideration. Provision is made for adequate representation on this board of officers of the branch concerned. The board will recommend a minimum of three names to the President for the appointment. When appointed, the officer will be permanently appointed to the general officer grade specified for the office, which grade will be retained by the officer after termination of the assignment. These provisions become effective for each office on the date that office is vacated by its present incumbent.

In addition to the permanent promotion and the initial promotion

provisions already discussed, temporary promotion authority will be retained during the period that the total active strength of the Army exceeds the authorized Regular Army strength. Temporary promotions will be made, under centralized War Department control, to fill authorized requirements, with due regard being given to seniority, ability and efficiency.

Elimination of Mandatory Retirement

Officers in the grade of first lieutenant, captain and major who twice fail to be recommended for promotion will be removed from the active list. They will be given a severance allowance equal to two months base and longevity pay for each year's service, but not to exceed two years pay. If such officers are within two years of becoming eligible for retirement, however, they will be retained on the active list when retired when eligible. When so retired, they will receive retired pay computed at 2½ per cent per year of service (or per year of service credit for pay purposes, if greater). Year of service used in this sense includes, for officers integrated under the Public Law 281, the constructive service awarded them on appointment. As mentioned above, officers not selected for an initial promotion on or about 1 July 1948, are not considered to have failed to be recommended for promotion for purposes of elimination under these provisions.

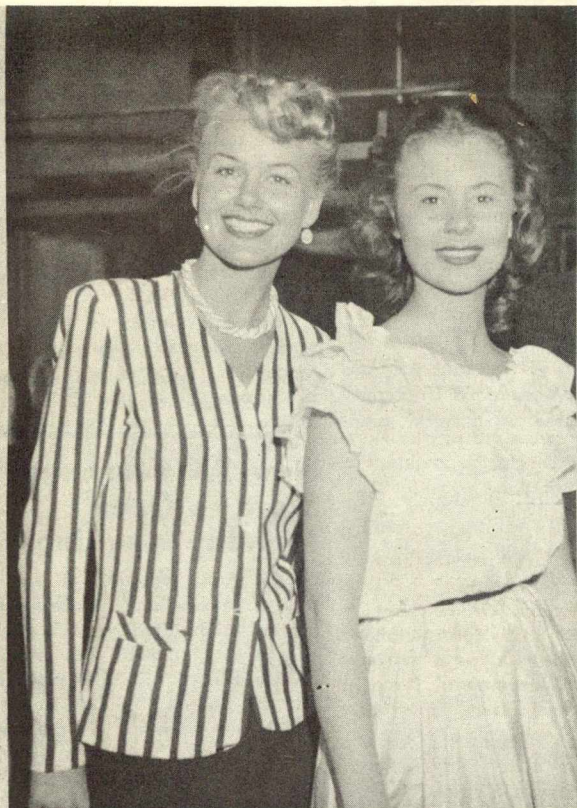
Lieutenant colonels not recommended for promotion will be retired upon completion of 28 years service. Colonels and brigadier generals, unless recommended for promotion, will be retired upon completion of 5 years in that permanent grade but not before completion of 30 years total service. Major generals who complete five years service in that permanent grade and 35 years total service and are not occupying higher temporary grades, will be retired. However, regardless of time in grade or total service, new age ceilings require retirement of major generals at age 62 and of officers of lower grade at age 60.

Effective Dates

The promotion provisions pertaining to second lieutenants are effective 31 December 1947. Promotions to the grades of captain, major and lieutenant colonel will be made under prior law until 31 December 1947. Promotions to the

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What The Camera Caught This Week at Letterman



THE TWAIN
Kyle MacDonnell and Mitzi Gerber from
the cast of "Louisiana Purchase."



THE QUARTETTE
From the cast of "LOUISIANA PURCHASE"



PROMOTED
Colonel Winn congratulates new captains, L. to R., Donald
A. Champaign, Theodore G. Kabza, John C. Lyons, James
G. Rohn, and Kai H. Pihl.



JACK CARSON
Makes a personal appearance on the wards.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THE UNIFORM

The Army uniform is more than just clothes. It represents the Army, especially when worn among civilians. In addition to general regulations about how it should be worn, certain "musts" and "must nots" are strict Army tradition and custom. Included among them are the following:

"Wear the whole uniform or none of it."

"Wear a hat at all times outdoors"—except when going informally to meals—for the hat is part of the uniform.

"A soldier in uniform never carries an umbrella," for an umbrella is not part of the uniform. If it is raining he wears his raincoat or poncho, but umbrellas, he says, are for civilians.

"Either wear it buttoned—every button all the way—or don't wear it." This "must," with but few exceptions, is applicable to any part of the uniform that has buttons.

"The uniform is worn as a unit." That is, the winter uniform is worn complete; the summer, or fatigue uniform, complete. Part civilian and part Army garb is never worn.

The uniform is the mark of a soldier. It identifies him as a member of a profession with a proud heritage and a rich tradition.



The wedding bells pealed on Saturday morning at the Catholic Chapel in the Presidio for 1st Lieut. Eileen P. Casey, ANC, when she was united in matrimony with Mr. Robert S. Potter, of Bronxville, New York. Lieut. Lucky Pasqualone was the bridesmaid and Mr. Samuel Wainwright III was the groomsman. Chaplain Thomas J. Corcoran, assistant post chaplain at the Presidio, officiated. A wedding breakfast in the Venetian Room of the Fairmont Hotel followed the ceremony.

Post cards from Alaska bring the news that Captain Eleanor O'Neill, ANC, retired, and her sister, Mrs. Margaret Hickey, long time charge nurse on Ward P-1, have checked in at Fairbanks and Anchorage and report a pleasant time.

Lieut. Colonel Burdette B. Sherer, ANC, was here with the party from the Office of the Inspector General for an inspection of nurse personnel affairs.

Captain Virginia Sanderson Gailus went through the separation process this week and is now en route to her new home in Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. Paul M. Coty, the former Lieut. Margaret McWeeny, reports the arrival of a baby girl in the family now living at Binghampton, New York, and Mrs. James R. Myers, the former Lieut. Edythe Hawthorne of the Train Unit, also reports the arrival of a daughter at the family home in Madison, Wisconsin.

Away on leave of absence this week are Lieut. Gertrude Heller for 21 days with matrimony pending, so they say, at Portland, Ore., and Lieut. Lydia Doboron just on leave at Boise, Idaho, while Captain Wilma Sandberg will spend 21 days at Bellingham, Wash., and Lieut. Mary E. Leahy has gone back to Long Island, N. Y., for 21 days.

Reporting for duty were Major Lena Vanderwood, from patient status, and Captain Lily W. Neal, Captain Alma Frey, and Lieut. Otelia Hovland, from leave.

Miss Mary Kay Berteling leaves Letterman this morning to report to new fields of endeavor at the University of Southern California



Colonel Herman O. Lane, IGD, and a party from the Office of the Inspector General, here to look into personnel administration affairs.

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Something new added to the menu for the evening meal of the general mess—hot soup.

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Colonel Kermit H. Gates on temporary duty at Stanford University taking a course in hospital management.

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Orders out of Washington instructing female military personnel to wear slacks when traveling in military aircraft.

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No more pay or allowances for military personnel on excess leave says the War Department.

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Deadline for applicants for appointment in Army Nurse Corps, RA, and Women's Medical Specialists Corps, RA, extended to 30 September 1947.

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Lieut. Iver F. McCall, the local sheriff, reporting the crime situation well under control.

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Mr. Ray Shine's civilian personnel staff more than usually busy with the new recruiting campaign for help.

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The name bands sent out by the Musicians Union affording much pleasure for the patients at the patio concerts.

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Sunday pay-day coming up.

Truth as old as the hills is bound up in the Latin proverb, "Necessity is the mother of invention." It is surprising what a man can do when he has to, and how little most men will do when they don't have to.—Walter Linn.

where she will be training supervisor in the School of Occupational Therapy. During the past week she has been entertaining Miss Mary Lou Jones, who will be associated with her at USC.

No news from PTs—very subdued group in our community life.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 24 August, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship : 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant : song service at 1800.

New PX Clothing Store to Open Monday Morning

The grand opening of the new Bay Area Exchange clothing store located in Building No. 223 on Hall-ek Street, opposite the Cooks and Bakers School will take place Monday, 25, August 1947. The new store, which has been in the making for the past three weeks, is a consolidation of the old Letterman General Hospital clothing store in Building No. 1146 and the Presidio clothing store in Building No. 833; both the latter now having ceased operation. The centralized location of the new operation makes it convenient to both Letterman and Presidio personnel and will result in a better clothing service through larger stock and a wider variety of merchandise. Included in the new operation are facilities for complete tailor and dry cleaning service.

To provide an attractive, pleasant place to make clothing purchases the new building has been refinished inside and out. The fixtures are finished in a rich, grained gold and are commodious enough to furnish ample space for the display and stocking of both ladies and men's apparel.

Special price reductions are in effect on many items for the day.

The fundamental issue of our time is whether we can develop understanding and wisdom reliable enough to serve as a chart in working out the problems of human relations, or whether we shall allow our present lopsided progress to develop to a point that capsizes our civilization in a catastrophe of immeasurable proportions.—Raymond B. Fosdick.

WAC OF THE WEEK



**Staff Sergeant
BARBARA MOSTELLA**

When we looked about for a subject for the "WAC of the Week" for this edition we sought someone with a ready smile and the lot fell upon Staff Sergeant Barbara Mostella. But on that particular morning Barbara was not smiling although she did have a reputation for being a sort of sunny young lady.

She came to us from Camp Beale in December of last year and liked us so well that she re-enlisted in May of this year. Hence one might understand why we rated her a smiling young lady.

Sgt. Mostella is a native of Texas and first saw the light of day in Bracketville, moving on to San Antonio for part of her high school course and finishing in Rock Springs. She came into the WAC in 1944 at San Antonio and took her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe. Then there was a brief stop for technical education at Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and on to Camp Beale where she remained for two years before joining the staff at Letterman.

The sergeant is one of a large group of members of the WAC who have demonstrated that there is a place in the Regular Army for the young women of our country and their achievements have been the basis for the movement to make the WAC a part of the permanent army organization.

At Letterman she is a surgical technician in the Operating Room and highly valued by her superiors as a member of the team. If you have ever been in surgery while an operation was in progress you will understand the necessity of team work; every one in his place and

Warmin' the Bench

By SGT. CLARENCE SMITH

Three-Way Ticket to Heaven

(AFPS)—Along about Aug. 1 New York baseball fans felt pretty much in the same frame of mind as one of my brother-in-laws, an Irishman with a prolific wit and a veteran of some 300 battles in the ring, being at one time contender for the lightweight title.

Born a Catholic and reared devoutly in the faith, Jack Welch married a Protestant after being left a widower. His first wife, an equally devout Catholic, had died childless. His second bore four beautiful children, each of whom Jack is inordinately proud, having a typical Irishman's love of his progeny. The question of in what faith the children are to be reared has been, at times, a matter of concern to the good Catholic neighbors. To all their queries Jack gives the same answer:

"Well, you know I'm a good Catholic. And, as such, 'tis a very poor gambling man I am. On a matter as important as seekin' the right way to Heaven a fellow can't afford to take no chances. Me bein' a good Catholic and my wife an equally good Protestant, we are raisin' the children Lutheran. With a three-way ticket to Heaven like that, how can we miss?"

'Twas in such a position New York fans felt themselves securely entrenched late in July after the Brooklyn Dodgers supposedly turned back, once and for all time (at least this season!) the challenge of the St. Louis Cardinals. Three straight games those Beloved Bums had taken from Manager Eddie Dyer's Redbirds. And right in good ol' St. Louis, too! Fooey on St. Louis! That was the way every loyal Dodger rooter felt. With a 10-game lead and two-thirds of the season gone, what did they have to worry about?

Over in that sector of New York known as Coogan's Bluff, fans were a bit light-headed from the same kind of thinking. With brawny Johnny Mize well ahead of the pace of Ruth's all-time record of 60 home runs in one year, with Willard Marshall hot on his heels, with rookie Bobbie Thompson performing brilliantly, with Buddy Kerr at shortstop inviting comparisons with the immortal Honus Wagner—well, just how could those Giants miss winning the pennant?

More than a smidge of the same fever was running rampant just across the river in New York. Fans who shelled out the dough for "The House That Ruth Built"—Yankee Stadium, that is—were just about ready to write Finis to the American League pennant race and devote the intervening time before the World Series to wining and dining Joe DiMaggio & Co. They were readying the Miracle Man mantle for Bucky Harris to wear at the close of his first season as manager of the Yanks.

But TIME MARCHES ON (Shakespeare phrased it, "The old order changeth and yielded place to new"), and now the Subway Series seems a lot more than a nickel's ride away, even riding a buffalo nickel. It may not be "In the Cards" for the 1946 World Champions to come from behind again, as they did last season and time and again in other years. But after winning 11 out of 12 and slashing the Dodgers' lead from ten to three games in little more than a week, the Redbirds were finding a lot of support in the betting fraternity.

Meanwhile the Boston Braves, piloted by Billy Southworth, regarded by many as the shrewdest manager in baseball, were making their bid on the strength of winning three out of four from Brooklyn and invading the Polo Grounds to do the same against the Giants. That left the Giants still very much in the race, but somewhat chastened. And while all this was going on, up in Boston the Red Sox were slowing down the Yankees by taking three out of four.

All of which means what? Well, just take our word for it that part of the World Series will be played in Yankee Stadium. But as for the Dodgers or the Giants—that "three-way ticket to Heaven" which was being passed out New York in early August may not even be exchangeable for a rain check, even though we would hate to have to listen to Dodger fans chant again, "Wait until next year."

Could be that three-way ticket will not get brother-in-law Jack to Heaven, either.

Softball

The Letterman soft ball team defeated Camp Stoneman in the play

doing his assigned job.

But back to the smile. One ace photographer managed to restore her smile before the shutter clicked and take another look at the picture atop this column—that smile is a natural.

off for the championship of the Army-Navy Bay Area Soft Ball League on Monday afternoon at Kahn Field by a score of 10 to 1. Bruce Dyer pitched the team to victory in striking out 10 men and allowing three hits.

This is the first softball championship for Letterman since 1938, according to the records in the Special Services office.

ON THE SPOT



**JOSEPH F. POLAND
Private, First Class**

Ordinarily the San Franciscans have no warm spot in their hearts for Los Angeles or anything having origin there, but for the time being a truce is declared while Pfc. Joseph F. Poland is put "on the spot"—and the detachment commander selected him for this distinction.

Poland was born in Los Angeles but went over to North Hollywood to complete his high school course, and for 18 months he was a student at the University of California in Los Angeles, better known as UCLA. He joined the army in October 1944 and went to Camp Beale for basic instruction and was assigned to the Medical Department. For a time it was thought he had the makings of a fireman and he was shipped down to Fort Ord for a two-week course in fire fighting.

In July of this year Poland came to Letterman and was given duty in the First Sergeant's office. Of course, that puts him within the bright light shining about the throne. Ordinarily a soldier likes to keep as far away as possible from the "Top Kick" but those consigned to work in orderly rooms usually develop the idea that the "Top" is all right when one gets to know him.

Poland is tall, dark and handsome, and his proximity to the capital of Filmland gave him an edge on working his way into the movies. All he had to do as a high school boy was to roll down the hill and he would land at Sunset and Vine whence everything starts in Hollywood. Theoretically he had a choice of the radio or screen and he chose the army.

In his present assignment he has an opportunity to observe the inner working of the detachment and is right in line for promotion as he demonstrates his ability.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Elizabeth Reeves is putting down the books in the Library the first of September only to pick them up again at the University of California in Berkeley where she will enroll as a student. She will major in art and history.

Ethel Slaughter is acting manager of the PX while Alice Thompson is on sick leave and reports have it that she is doing a wonderful job.

Bernice Blake is on two weeks vacation from the Sergeant Major's office while Lillian Taylor is taking leave from Registrar's office.

Frances Aherns, Register, is spending part of her vacation in Santa Cruz, while Isabelle Franks, PX, is vacationing in Southern California for three weeks.

Taking in the sights of Lake Tahoe during a three weeks vacation will be Lillian Jones, Dental Section, her twin sister, Grace, and Emily Knepp, also of Dental Section.

Leah Frisbee, Library, plans no book reading and plenty of rest during her leave.

Esther Grobler, Civilian Personnel, returned from her vacation at Lake Tahoe with a nice coat of tan.

A welcome is extended to the following new employees of the Post Exchange: Clarence Bryan, assistant manager, Hazel McElhatton, Lois Risko, Sue Thompson, Earla Waechter, Ian Patterson. Also welcomed to Letterman are Ruth Farley, Dental X-ray, and Alfred Glaser, Dental Laboratory.

MORE ABOUT OFFICERS

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grades of captain, major and lieutenant colonel will be made under prior law until 31 December 1947, after which date promotions will be suspended until 1 July 1948. Thereafter, the new law will apply. The suspension of promotions in these grades is to provide integrated officers an equal opportunity for initial promotion.

The system of selection for generals and colonels is effective as of the date of enactment of the law.

The provisions for involuntary retirement affecting general officers become effective six months after date of enactment and those relating to colonels and lieutenant colonels after 30 June 1953. However,

ARMY DAUGHTER NOW ARMY CAPTAIN RUNS WOMEN'S WARD WITH EASE



Captain LOIS H. ALFRED, ANC
Who follows in the footsteps of her father in making the army her career.

Remember the sage counsel of the "Virginian"—"When you say that—smile"? It is still good advice when you refer to Captain Lois H. Alfred as an Army "brat"—and make the smile broad. The smile takes the cuss off the word.

Captain Alfred was really born in Memphis but as an army baby she claims the army as her birthplace—and that makes her a "brat."

Having an army officer for a father meant the family rarely stayed too long in one place but the captain managed to absorb some education in schools in the Canal Zone, Hampton, Va., and Chattanooga, Tenn., before entering the Baroness Erlanger Hospital in the last named city for her professional training.

if at any time the Secretary of War considers that there exists an excessive number of such officers with more than 30 years service, he may appoint a board to recommend the retirement of an appropriate number.

Private duty in Chattanooga followed and a course in a business college broke up the monotony of nursing.

In 1938 the captain was appointed a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and she has been with us ever since. In 1943 she was promoted to Chief Nurse at Fort Niagara, and two years later was the Chief Nurse of the 73rd Evacuation Hospital in Burma. Other stations were Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs, Camp Cooke, Fort Rosecrans, and Dibble General Hospital.

Captain Alfred came to Letterman in June of last year and has been on Ward E-2, 31, N-1, with a tour of night supervisor on two occasions. She was recently assigned as charge nurse on Ward G-1 and contributes greatly to the contentment of the women patients by her cheerful disposition and ready smile, which is evident in the photograph above—and note the freckles.

MEDICAL DETACH

Danford, Maine, we, was the main stop for M/Sgt. Vaughn Yeomans of Laboratory during his recent 30-day furlough, which he spent visiting his mother.

Wedding bells will ring for First Sergeant Arnold Bar Barden, Detachment Office, and Miss Dorothy Hickman, of Galesburg, Ig, Illinois, on 13 September in San Francisco.

M/Sgt. Harold Dixo Dixon, Photo Lab, is spending his 15-day furlough "Down South"—Los Angeles, that is.

First Sergeant Orli Orlin Oxenreider of the Detachment Office is willing to teach anyone the fine arts of parking a car on San Francisco streets. He has learned by experience.

Pfc. Billy Singley of Military Police is visiting friends and relatives in Little Rock, Arkansas during his 18-day furlough.

Some members of the detachment seem to have no use for the buttons on the uniforms. Special individual instruction is available and they will get it.

Letterman Loses Top Social Worker

Letterman lost one of its valuable assets last week when Mr. Jack Plascowe, case work supervisor on the Red Cross Social Service staff left to accept an appointment in the State Department Division of Mental Hygiene.

Mr. Plascowe came to Letterman in July 1946 and brought with him a broad experience in the field of psychiatric social service. He holds a master's degree in social administration from Western Reserve University, and is a member of the Association of Psychiatric Social Workers, and also in the national and state conferences of Social Workers.

He takes with him the best wishes of the Letterman staff for success in his new field.

She has received a permanent commission as captain in the regular Army Nurse Corps.

The captain, like all army "brats," is an outdoors girl and fond of tennis, golf and riding—and drives a new Hudson.

Why We Salute

The custom of saluting has its roots in an ancient practice that once meant the preservation of life and limb. It goes back to the time when "knights of old" encased themselves in steel armor, including heavy helmets—not for show but for bodily protection. When among friends or when approaching as a friend, the knight would raise the visor of his helmet, exposing his face, or would even take the helmet off. If on foot, he would sometimes hold the helmet in his left hand and raise the other, palm open, to show that he bore no weapon and therefore intended no harm. This act of raising the right hand—the fighting hand—gradually grew into a salutation. It was the origin of the hand salute.

The word salute itself comes from the Latin "salutare," a greeting or salutation meaning "to your good health" or "to your safety." This form of greeting still accompanies the act of saluting in some Latin countries.

For a long time in modern armies the salute was rendered by actually taking off the hat and holding it, but when complicated strapped-on headgear like bearskins, shakos, and decorative helmets began to come back into use they could not be removed easily or quickly, so the act of taking off the hat was modified into merely carrying the hand to the hat as if to remove it.

This ancient symbol of trust has now become a greeting as well as a formal gesture of recognition between comrades, members of the soldier profession.

Of all the military courtesies it is the most conspicuous and the most used. Like the uniform, it stands for association in a common cause, and is the sole privilege of the military.

Similar to the salute is the custom of standing at attention, if an enlisted man, when being addressed by an officer, and, if an officer, when being addressed by an officer of higher grade. It symbolizes the constant alertness, the physical and mental preparedness for instant action, the "being always ready" that characterizes a soldier, whatever his grade.

The manner in which such military courtesies as the salute and attention are observed is often an index to the manner in which military duties are performed.

PERSONNEL SERGEANT MAJOR KNOWS HIS JOB FROM LONG EXPERIENCE



Master Sgt. CHARLES F. LEWIS
Top flight non-com in Personnel Section

It is a well known adage that there is no substitute for experience and the Personnel Sergeant Major here is well qualified on that ground. The title belongs to Master Sergeant Charles F. Lewis and the smooth working of our Personnel Division is explained by his presence in that office.

Sgt. Lewis was born in Danville, Illinois, but moved away from that climate at an early age to Orlando, Florida, where he remained until he finished high school. He joined the army at New York in 1929 when he enlisted for the Signal Corps and was assigned to Fort Monmouth for the next two years. Then he tried out civilian life for nearly a year but came back to the army and this time tried the Coast Artillery Corps in which he spent 28 months at Fort Amador in the Canal Zone.

In 1934 Lewis went to sea with the Army Transport Service and remained on transports for four years. During that time he served on the "Chateau" and "Republic" and back on dry land again he was

assigned to the Station Hospital at Fort Jay, New York. This detail lasted until he went all the way to the top—hospital sergeant major. In 1943 he was commissioned first lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, and assigned to England General Hospital at Atlantic City, N. J. A year later he went overseas with the 2nd Convalescent Hospital and starting at Oran, in Africa, he moved along through Italy, France, and Germany at the end of the war.

Sgt. Lewis came back home in December 1945 and was discharged from the service only to re-enlist in January with station at Mayo General Hospital. When Mayo closed in October 1946 he moved out to Letterman and has been here since that time.

In his present assignment Sgt. Lewis might be said to be in training for greater responsibilities in the event of a national emergency. He is a shining example to the new recruits of the type of non-commissioned officer which has always been the "backbone of the Army."



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. J. J. Mraz, a boy, **Jack Jay**, weight 5 pounds and 12 ounces, born 11 August.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Gene Culbertson, a girl, **Shelia Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces, born 11 August.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Hudgens, a girl, **Barbara Lee**, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, born 12 August.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Grant Harper, a boy, **Johnny Russell**, weight 5 pounds and 5 ounces, born 13 August.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Benjamin Warfield, a girl, **Laurel Anne**, weight 6 pounds and 6 ounces, born 14 August.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert O. Morris, a boy, **Steven Owen**, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, born 15 August.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. James R. Lewis, a boy, **Harold Jean**, weight 5 pounds and 14 ounces, born 15 August.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William Walkemeyer, a boy, **William Fredrick**, weight 8 pounds and 5½ ounces, born 15 August.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert E. Brizee, a girl, **Sandra Lynn**, weight 7 pound and 5½ ounces, born 15 August.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. C. D. Woods, a boy, **Leonard Carl**, weight 7 pounds and 7½ ounces, born 16 August.

In the final analysis, there is no other solution to a man's problems, even in the year 1947, but the day's honest work, the day's honest decisions, the day's generous utterance, and the day's good deed.—**Clare Booth Luce.**

Mobile Combat Team Trained in Germany

Frankfort (AFPS)—The Army has started training a mobile combat team which observers here say is destined to become the "most efficient organization in the U.S. Army."

Consisting of about 5,500 men, the new team will augment the U.S. Constabulary and will constitute the Army's only real tactical force in Europe.

One military spokesman declared "there are no plans at the present time for the combat force to leave Germany."

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Most people prefer to learn by actually attending a group class taught by a qualified instructor. The Army has made this type of study available to its personnel by establishing a special fund to provide off-duty-time classroom educational opportunities. Here is an excellent opportunity for those who are seriously interested in pursuing a university extension course. Tuition will be paid from Army funds. (Not deductible from your G.I. Bill.)

Arrangements have been made with the University of California to accept students from the hospital. All military personnel may participate—officers, enlisted men, nurses, physical therapists, dietitians, Wacs—duty or patient.

The Educational Reconditioning Section has all the detailed information as to registration, including Bulletins describing the courses offered by the University of California. Here are some of the many subjects being given this fall:

Accounting, Industrial Organization and Management, Personnel Administration, Real Estate Law, Salesmanship, Economics, Short Story Writing, Correct English, Advertising, General Psychology, Decorative Art, Art, Public Relations, Investments, World Trade, Chemistry, Dentistry, Dramatic Art, Education, Engineering, Forestry, Foreign Languages (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian, French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Swedish), Mathematics, Medicine, Music, Beginning Piano, Advanced Piano, Voice, Arranging, Photography, Speech, Zoology.

This is an exceptional opportunity for those who intend to use the G.I. Bill after discharge. Start piling up those college credits while still in the service. Perhaps entrance requirements must be met, or perhaps there are certain required courses that can be taken now in order to have G.I. Bill time for later use. Some people might like to study for self-improvement or because of a special interest in a certain course.

Regular Army personnel should be interested because of the Army's new career plan under which personnel will need certain studies to qualify for a definite MOS and for advancement in grade in that MOS.



“People are no damn good.”

SERIAL NUMBERS NEVER CHANGE

The Army serial number of an individual in the military service is the most essential part of his official identification. Since many members of the armed forces have identical names, the only expedient method of absolute identification is the Army serial number.

Special care must be taken that the correct Army serial number is used as there are many records which are filed and many accounts which are paid by the Army serial number and not by name.

An individual will inform appropriate relatives, parents, or friends of his or her correct Army serial number as soon as possible after entry into the military service. The importance of accomplishing this at an early date cannot be overemphasized since it may be difficult, if not temporarily impossible, to obtain the Army serial number when needed at some later date because of change of assignment or incapacity of the individual in military service. All official requests for information concerning persons in the military service and forms which

have to be completed in certain instances by relatives, parents, or friends should bear the Army serial number.

The Army serial number will ordinarily appear in every military record. It will be used at least once, preferably where the name first occurs, in all letters, telegrams, orders, reports, pay rolls, and similar records.

When the Army serial number is used, it will ordinarily follow immediately the name of the individual, and will precede the statement, if any, of the grade, organization, and arm or service.

An Army serial number will be assigned by the enlisting or other proper officer to each individual who has not previously been assigned a number.

The Army serial number originally and properly assigned to an enlisted person will not under any circumstances be assigned to another individual. It will continue to be his or her number throughout any or all enlisted service in the Army and will never be changed.

Answering the Veterans Queries

July 25, 1947, has been established by the United States Senate and the President as the final day which may be counted by service men and women as service during World War II in establishing eligibility for important war veteran's benefits.

The Veterans Administration reports that for purposes of education and training, loan guarantees and readjustment allowance under the G.I. Bill, and for vocational rehabilitation of disabled veterans under Public Law 16, the period considered war service thus becomes September 16, 1940, through July 25, 1947.

Persons entering service after July 25, 1947 will not become eligible for G.I. Bill benefits and any compensation or pension awarded such veterans and their dependents as a result of their service will be paid at the lower peacetime rates, instead of the high war rates.

In order to be eligible for benefits under the G.I. Bill a veteran must have served at least 90 days on active duty at any time during the period of September 16, 1940, through July 25, 1947, and subsequently discharged under conditions as other than dishonorable.

Veterans with less than 90 days service who were discharged for service-incurred disabilities are also eligible under Public Law 16.

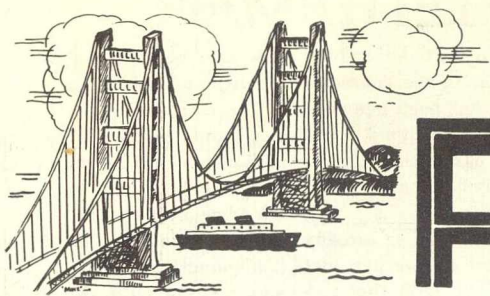
July 25 also becomes the date from which the following statutory time limitations will be figured:

1. G. I. Bill education or training must be started within four years of that date or date of discharge, whichever is later, and the program ends in nine years.
2. All Public Law 16 training ceases in nine years from July 25.
3. G.I. loan guarantees remain available for 10 years after July 25.
4. Readjustment allowances may be claimed until two years after July 25 or date of discharge, whichever is later and the program ends five years from July 25.

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Question: I have been drawing \$57.50 each month from my \$10,000 war risk insurance policy since my discharge from the army after World War I. Are such payments discontinued when the \$10,000 is exhausted?

Answer: No. Payments may be continued for the remainder of your life provided your total disability remains unchanged.



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V. A. Advises Vets To Apply Early for School Entrance

Veterans Administration officials strongly advise veterans planning to attend California colleges and universities to arrange for entrance into schools of their choice or run the risk of being "shut out" at the last minute.

At the end of May California had the third largest number of veteran students enrolled in its schools and colleges of any state in the nation. The total was 126,000 and a new record enrollment of 158,000 veterans is expected this fall.

VA officials also advised veterans who plan to start their education training in September to apply at once to the nearest VA office for their certificates of eligibility.

There are thousands of veterans all over the country planning to attend California schools this fall, VA officials said. They will present themselves at the schools on registration day without a scrap of paper on them to prove they are veterans and expecting to receive their subsistence checks immediately.

Schools cannot enroll them as veterans nor can the VA pay them until they establish their right to the training with a certificate of eligibility, VA pointed out.

Of the 1,825,000 veterans in the country enrolled last spring in educational institutions under the G.I. Bill about two out of three were taking courses leading to definite job objectives, according to a sampling of their records.

Of courses regarded as leading toward employment, engineering ranked first with 229,000 students and crafts and trades was second with 208,000 students. Third in popularity were commercial courses with 154,000 students. Business ad-



WAC CO WELCOMES HER SUCCESSOR

Captain Marion B. Chapin (left), commanding officer of the Letterman WAC detachment, who leaves for overseas duty in the ETO next week, greets Captain Charlotte Woodworth, who will take over as WAC CO when Captain Chapin leaves. Captain Woodworth has recently returned from Berlin.

ministration was fourth with 146,000 students.

Among the courses VA considers as not generally falling within a definite job objective the liberal arts courses accounted for the largest number of enrollees with 392,500.

Many veterans desiring to enter a professional school will find they are already "shut out" of the school

of their choice because these schools in most California universities are already overcrowded, VA officials said.

Many of the thousands of veterans planning to attend universities and colleges for the first time next fall will have to enroll in junior colleges which have more vacancies than other institutions.

LGH Designated as Headquarters for All HTU Activities

Under a consolidation of Hospital Train Unit activities directed by the Surgeon General, Letterman has been designated Headquarters Hospital Train Section, and will be in charge of hospital train movements on the East as well as the West Coast, under the direction of Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer. Lieut. Col. Wilson T. Smith, MC, is the commanding officer of the LGH headquarters HTU section.

The New York Hospital Train Unit at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, has been redesignated as Camp Kilmer detachment, Hospital Train Section, Letterman General Hospital. Purpose of the consolidations of activities is to conserve personnel.

Letterman debarkation hospital at Crissy Field receives an average of 1000 debarkees a month, and Camp Kilmer averages 500 a month. Major R. R. Huey, MAC, executive officer of the LGH Hospital Train Section, is at present at Camp Kilmer completing the details of the reorganization.

First movement of patients under the new setup took place this week following the arrival in San Francisco of the hospital ship "Hope," with 400 patients from Japan, Korea, Okinawa and the Philippines. The majority of the patients left today by air and by train for other Army hospitals. On September 5 the hospital ship "Comfort" is expected here with several hundred more patients.

Personnel now assigned to duty with the Letterman hospital train section include five Medical Corps officers, 10 Medical Administrative Corps officers, five Army Nurse Corps officers and 152 enlisted detachment personnel.

FOUR OFFICERS BID AU REVOIR TO LETTERMAN

There is nothing static about a good army and we like to think we qualify for that title. Flux and movement describes us rather well as an active organization, and the movement is made up of the comings and goings of our personnel. This week we chronicle the departure of four of our officers, two to

ing out" the arrival of the actual orders is Captain Marion B. Chapin, commanding officer of the WAC detachment. Indications are she is headed for the ETO which will be a welcome change after her prior service in the south Pacific where for more than a year she had command of a company of WAC troops in the field.

Delving into her past we find that she enlisted in the WAAC in December 1942 and hoped to become an expert in radio communications, but the master mind who gave her the aptitude test decided she would be a better administrator and she

ments of concern but everything turned out all right in the course of time. The captain has been heard to mutter "even in dogdom it's a man's world" but even under that handicap we do not believe she would part with her pet.

Captain Chapin's relief is already on the ground and as she has just come back from the ETO the captain is in a position to absorb a few pointers on the whole situation over there.

While Captain Chapin has not as yet mastered anything connected with radio she did turn out to be a good book-keeper after she was appointed Custodian of the Central Post Fund—and we hate to lose a good book-keeper.

Continuing the exodus is Captain Lilbourne W. Sherrod, Infantry, and thereby hangs a tale. This young officer came to Letterman in the guise

has also doubled as Registrar—no mean feat for a doughtyboy.

The captain is a native of Arkansas, and a product of Arkansas A. & M. College, but he prefers California and has been out here since 1938. He came into the army in 1940 and moved over to Hawaii soon after his induction. He won a commission and stayed in the Pacific area—southern end—until October 1943 when he returned to the mainland. After a lot of rambling around to posts and schools he came to Letterman in October 1945.

In January of this year he was commissioned in the Regular Army and he leaves us to become a student at the Advanced Course of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. We made the prediction that if any extracurricular jobs turn up at Benning Captain Sherrod will be the man to fill the role.

Going back to civil life where there is "no more roll call, no more drill" is First Lieutenant Frances M. Pleasants, WAC, and to her the prospect is pleasing.

Her military life was one of mild frustration. Back in Richmond, Va., where she was born, the lieutenant



HUGH C. BUSBY
Chaplain (Captain)

overseas assignments, one to school, and one back to the joys of civilian life.

Now on re-embarkation leave of absence and counting the minutes until he reports at Camp Stoneman on 1 September en route to Yokohama is Chaplain (Captain) Hugh C. Busby who joined station here just about a year ago.

Chaplain Busby is an "old" soldier—has been with the army since July 1941—and he is a "field" soldier with a record of five years in the Second Division and his service covers periods in England, Ireland, and Wales, a little boat ride to Normandy on D day plus 2, and with his division in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia.

During his tour at Letterman the chaplain looked after the spiritual and material welfare of the patients in the debarkation unit at Crissy Annex. It was his job to meet the patients coming in from overseas on the hospital ships and to speed on their way those designated for treatment at other hospitals. He was popular with his associates and his personality made him a real asset to the command. He looks forward to seeing the other side of the world in the line of duty and his family will join him over there in due time.

Alerted for overseas and "sweat-



MARION B. CHAPIN
Captain, WAC

was ordered to the Administrative School at Conway, Ark. Her ratings there made her a "natural" for OCS and the captain went back to Des Moines to graduate with the 30th Officers Class from the hallowed halls, in May 1943.

The first station as an officer was at Camp Stoneman where she remained for a year as a training officer and ended up by joining with a group of WAC volunteers for a close-up of the fighting scenes. New Guinea, Oro Bay, and Manila were on her itinerary as she moved about the Pacific before returning to the mainland and station at Fort Stevens, Oregon. On 16 May she joined the Letterman staff and has been the company commander of what is left of our WAC ever since.

No mention of Captain Chapin would be complete without bringing in "Patty," her springer spaniel, who is her constant companion. Quite in the fashion of young and human females, "Patty" has given her mistress more than odd mo-



LILBOURNE W. SHERROD
Captain, Inf.

of Army Ground Forces Liaison Officer and wormed his way so deeply into our affections that when in June 1946 the Liaison Office was joined with Personal Affairs he succeeded to that title and has managed to stick around ever since.

It was a real test of "stickability" too, because in June of this year Personal Affairs ceased to become a section and it looked as though the captain had again been legislated out of a job. He happened to belong to the Infantry and that made him an outlander in the opinion of the medics, but again his versatility asserted itself and Capt. Sherrod was ready to jump in and fill the office of the Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients, while the incumbent was on leave of absence. He



FRANCES M. PLIPLEASANTS
1st Lieut., V., WAC

was medical secretary and from that sprang the ambition on to be a surgical technician in this man's army. She joined the WAAC with that in mind, went to school and acquired the proper MOS to designate her as a surgical technician, and then spent the rest of her military existence on clerical and administrative duties.

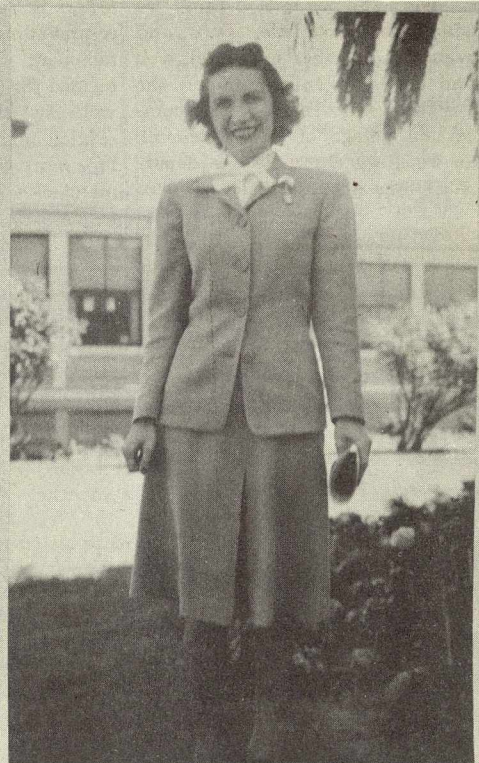
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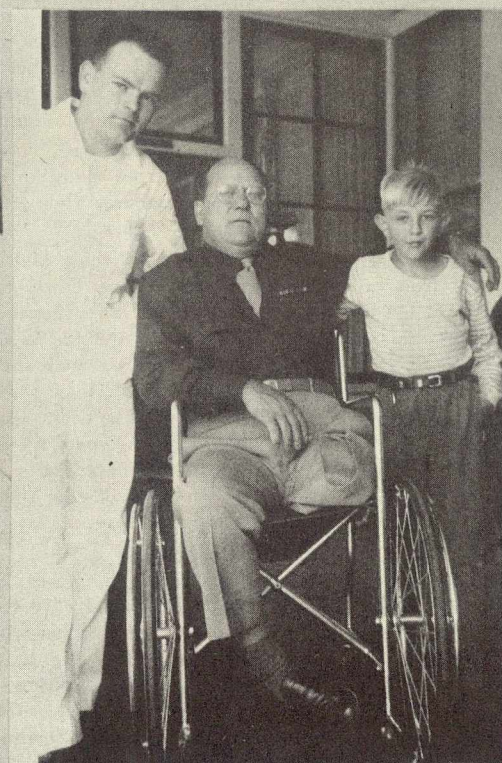
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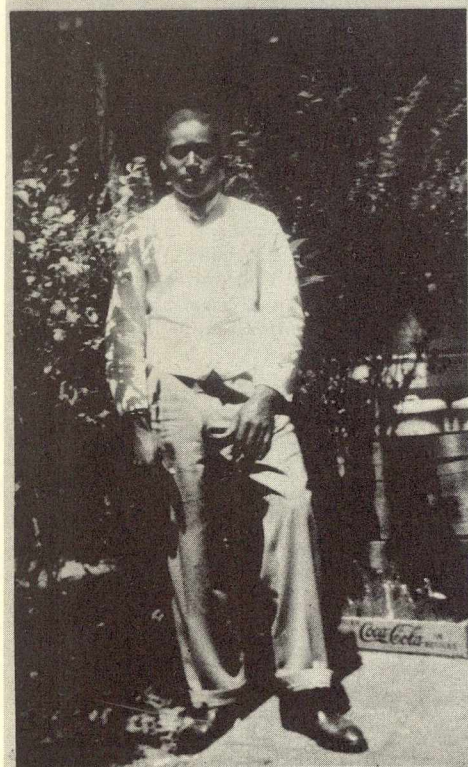
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EDITORIAL

Prevent That Fire

This week end features Labor Day in the last three-day holiday of the summer season. Lettermanites, like other Bay Area residents, will be taking off on trips to forest areas. This is a reminder to exercise fire prevention cautions during those trips.

Every year forest fires sweep across areas as large as all of New York State. They destroy three billion board feet of timber, blacken millions of acres of farm lands and cattle ranges. California's State Division of Forestry asks for careful action by hunters, tourists and campers to prevent this kind of destruction.

The Federal Forest Service lists these simple rules for fire prevention:

Observe the no-smoking regulations in certain areas. Stop in safe places to smoke.

Crush out your cigarette, cigar or pipe ashes.

Never throw a burning object from the window of an automobile or railway coach.

After using a match, break it in two. When you can hold the burned end between your fingers, indicating that it is completely out, play safe anyway and use an ash tray instead of throwing away the pieces of the match.

If you must use a fire—first, ask if the law requires a permit; then, have help handy in case of emergencies; last, kill every spark.



Lieutenant Edith Uhl, ANC, former Lettermanite, is home on leave from Alaska, and stopped in briefly to say hello to friends here. She reported that Lieutenants Bender and Holmes, also former Lettermanites, are enjoying their tour of duty in the not-so-frozen North.

It seems that a certain athletically-inclined ANC Major was a bit too strenuous in her bowling activity recently, and as a result she is taking a lot of ribbing from her sympathetic (?) fellow nurses.

And speaking of sympathy, a special portion goes to Lieutenant Vera Downes, ANC, who is at present a patient in the hospital.

Captain Emily Fairbanks and Lieutenant Ruth Campbell of Physical Therapy spent last week end at Lake Tahoe, where they camped out and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Lieutenant Campbell was well prepared for the camping out, having just returned from a 30-day leave with Lieutenant Dorothy Glidden. The two flew to Minnesota, then drove back in Lieutenant Campbell's car, camping en route. They visited the Grand Canyon, Estes Park, Colorado, the Black Hills of South Dakota, Taos, Gallup and Albuquerque, New Mexico. At Estes Park, Lieutenant Campbell fished for and caught rainbow trout for which she then was obliged to pay \$1.60 a pound. Anyone who is looking for a good profitable business ought to look into this. All you need is a well-stocked trout pond and some customers who don't mind paying for the fish they catch and cook themselves.

Two Letterman civilian nurses, Miss May Kennedy and Miss Anne Campbell, are enjoying extended vacations. Miss Kennedy is at Carmel, and Miss Campbell is visiting at her home in the Middle West.

Lieutenant Aileen Lasse of Physical Therapy flew to Ohio on leave, and Lieutenant Emily Mueller took off for Seattle.

Remember the Forest Service slogan:

"Fire prevention is your business, my business and good business."

WAC

Captain Charlotte Woodworth was welcomed to Letterman this week, and she will take over as commanding officer of the WAC detachment when Captain Marion Chapin leaves next week for overseas duty in the ETO. Captain Woodworth has just returned from the ETO, having served in Berlin.

Helen Hicks will vouch that 7 a. m. is not the best of hours for an interview, but that was the only time, it seemed, that she could be reached to tell the story behind that dainty bracelet on her right arm—a fine gold chain and a baseball engraved with "6th Army Champions 1947." Helen was the only member of our detachment to represent us in the softball tournament held recently at Camp Stoneman. Helen played center field and witnesses relate that her lungs did as much if not more than her arms and legs toward winning the game.

The Ice Follies of '47 were thoroughly enjoyed the other evening by Edith Altenburg, Viola Hocking and Marjorie Burns.

Keeping up their high scores of 133 plus in the bowling alleys of the Presidio were Jessie Pekarski, Sue Burnett and Sheila Daugherty, and to root for their success were two observers, Aggie Johnson and "Beep Boy," the cocky black cocker whose morning yodel takes the place of all the alarm clocks on the premises. In spite of this the members of the detachment are extra fond of the pup.

Three new members have been welcomed to the detachment—S/Sgt. Vivian Bloxson, T/5 Louise Hass and Pfc. Stella Goodman. Louise has her own bicycle and it's a good guess that it won't be long until she's swamped with requests for "just a loan" of it.

Josephine Porter's mother, Mrs. Wise of Dallas, Texas, has returned to the Lone Star State after spending several weeks here with her daughter and son-in-law.

Eileen Venters is busy these days entertaining her sister, who is here from Chicago.

Carolyn Fix is back on duty again after a trip to Amsterdam, N. Y.

Seen again on the ramp after a long absence is Christine McConnell, who has been on furlough in Pennsylvania.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 31 August, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Bugle Calls

Many of the Army's most interesting traditions are associated with its trumpet calls.

The use of the trumpet for military calls comes down to us from time immemorial. In a London museum there is a bugle, found in Denmark, that dates back to the Bronze Age. In Biblical history the "sound of the trumpet" is associated with the battles fought by Joshua, Saul, Gideon, and others. The fact that a bugle or drum can be heard much more distinctly and at greater distances than the unaided voice is so obvious that brazen signals to "charge" and "retreat" must have come into use very early, other signals being added gradually. There was a time in modern warfare, even down to the late 1800's, when the bugle, drum, and fife played vitally important parts in the giving of battle commands and signals, but in today's streamlined and mechanized warfare they have been outmoded. They have been replaced by the push-button radio and the field phone.

But in camp the trumpet is the soldier's clock. It wakes him up, calls him to drill, invites him to mess, bids him go to sleep. First Call, Reveille, Mess Call; Assembly, Sick Call, Mail Call; Drill Call, Recall; Adjutant's Call; Church Call; Pay Day; Retreat; Tattoo, Call to Quarters, Taps—the soldier has heard all these and many others. Some interesting lore is associated with them.

Daffy Definitions: A super-salesman: One who can sell a double-breasted suit to a man with a Phi Beta Kappa key.

WAC OF THE WEEK



DOROTHY GUSTAFSON
Sergeant

In September Sergeant Dorothy Gustafson will complete four years of service in the WAC, and she has spent nearly half that time on overseas duty in the ETO. She was stationed in Frankfort, Germany, but managed to see a good deal of the Continent on furlough time.

She visited Switzerland, Denmark, Monte Carlo, the Riviera and Paris. "I intended to go to England, too," she says, "but got my orders to return to the United States before I had a chance to get there."

After Dorothy enlisted in the WAC in September 1943 she went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for basic training. Upon completion of the training she didn't say good-bye to Oglethorpe, but remained there for the next 22 months, until she went overseas in July 1945. While on duty in Germany she worked in the Message Center, and liked the assignment.

Dorothy's home is in Easton, Connecticut, and when she returned from Germany she went home for a long and joyous vacation of 50 days before reporting for duty at Letterman in July of this year. She was happy to find that the Message Center was her duty station here.

At present Dorothy is a patient on ward G-1, but it doesn't seem to affect her spirits, and she is doing a lot of reading and is working crossword puzzles. But she is looking forward to getting back on the job and back to bowling and swimming, her favorite leisure-time activities. She says she is fond of all kinds of sports, and is an avid baseball and football fan.

There are those who envy the position of the Hollywood janitor whose salary includes room and board and little extras he can pick up.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Elvin Wall of ward E-2 is looking forward, and that's putting it mildly, to a red-letter day that's coming up for him in the next couple of weeks. "I'll be able to get out of bed for the first time since December 16, 1944," says Elvin. Which is two years and eight months ago.

They're still giving away those silver dollars for the right answers on the USAFI Quiz Show broadcast over Letterman's radio station KLGH, and the patients who got the cartwheels on recent broadcasts were: Paul A. Borree, Woodrow Silverthorne, R. Freeman, Nelson Jones, Maurice Moeller, William Phillips, George Talley, William D. Boinest, Marion Z. Parks, Jerry Schutz, George Duggan, Charles H. Couillard, Joe Shelton, Maurice Watt, Francis J. Christian, Nels E. Nelsen, Vincent M. Moser, Edward J. Reno, Clifton L. Brown, Robert Fudge, Raymond F. Hopkins, E. M. Hartsell, Ralph Curry, Buddy Thompson, Frank A. Flores, and Robert Mauk.

"Sparky," otherwise known as Lloyd Sparks, of ward E-1, hasn't been doing so well on his pinochle lately, it seems. He's lost three times in a row to Walter Herrera, and it's getting monotonous. On the other hand, Walter really needs to win to console himself for his failure to find an apartment for himself and his wife. He'd like one in Oakland, but so far no luck.

Dave Hopkins and his band played in the patio Wednesday afternoon and got a big hand from the patients.

Sidney White of ward E-2 had a visit one afternoon this week from his wife Pauline and their 14-month-old son, Sidney, Jr. The baby had a fine time on the ward, except that his explorations were somewhat restricted because his mother kept him from straying too far by anchoring him at the end of a long cord.

Allan Marcus of ward E-1 is now known as the automobile tycoon of Letterman, being the owner of not one but two Oldsmobiles. The sad thing is that he's temporarily back on bed-patient status, and can't drive even one of them these days.

The patients are still talking enthusiastically about this singing of Lucienne Boyer, who entertained them here last week.

Aaron Barnes of ward E-2 is working on a rug showing the insignia of the 2d Armored Division,

and naturally the part he enjoyed doing most was putting in the words "Hell on Wheels." He's been working on the rug for two weeks, and has the design all finished, with only the one-color background to go.

Sidney Hosking of ward E-1 is putting in the time until Friday (when he leaves on a 30-day furlough) by reading about Judge Landis and "Twenty-Five Years of Baseball." Says he can hardly wait to get home to Bakersfield and a month of genuine loafing.

Hollywood star Eddie Bracken visited the patients this week on wards E-2, C-2, D-2 and S-1.

Norman Scheu of ward E-1 is hoping he'll be out of the hospital by September 15, in time to start the Fall term at Stanford. He has only one year to go to complete his studies in mechanical engineering. He has one other problem besides that of getting out of the hospital. He's trying to exchange his apartment in San Francisco for one in Palo Alto, and it's not simple. Any offers?

Softball

After winning the championship in the Army-Navy Bay Area League, the Letterman Softball Team traveled out to Camp Stoneman Friday to compete in the semi-finals of the Sixth Army Championship meet. Living up to their reputation of being a tough team to beat, the Lettermen came through by winning this first half of the tournament with four wins and no defeats.

The first victory came against Oakland Army Base when the Lettermanites collected eleven hits, including three doubles and a home run, to win 8-2. Bruce Dryer was the winning pitcher, giving up four hits, while striking out ten.

The next day Letterman came up against Camp Stoneman, and won the game on a forfeit by a score of 1-0, because Stoneman had used a player who was not entered on the team roster.

The Sacramento Signal Depot was next on the list, and they went down by a score of 12-4. LGH had twelve hits, while Joe Surowicz limited Sacramento to six hits while striking out five.

In the final game, Letterman displayed the fine form which has kept them on top all season long by defeating Camp Stoneman 2-1. Dryer was again the winning pitcher. The

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MILTON W. LIECHTY
Private, First Class

The heading of this column is rather appropriate for a man who has just been assigned to the photographic section of the Public Information Staff and that detail is evidence that the army really tries to set a man to a task for which he shows aptitude.

Private first class Milton W. Liechty, a native of Providence, Utah, on graduation from South Gash High School in his home town, went right to work for a photographer—the well known Gabriel Moulin Studios. He was there only a short time when a recruiting poster attracted his attention and he enlisted in the army.

He went to Fort Ord for three months and while there took his basic training in the Infantry arm but in April of this year he was transferred to Letterman. Here he took up typing to give himself an added qualification and it happened that when the opening occurred in the photo section a man with typing experience was needed and Liechty could fill that bill.

In addition to portraits and publicity camera shots he is in a position to learn about microphotography in the clinical photo lab and his training here will fit him for a better job in civil life.

Liechty is one man who is working at his hobby.

The man who enters a bar very optimistically often comes out very misty optically.

Stoneman batters were only able to collect two hits while six went out via the strikeout route.

The team will go down to Fort Ord Wednesday for the games that will decide the Sixth Army champion.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Helen Smith, Detachment of Patients, because the bride of M/Sgt. James O'Connell, Air Force Liaison Office, on 28 August in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the couple are receiving best wishes for happiness from their many friends.

Also receiving best wishes are Dan Harris and Kitty Carson, Officers Personnel, who were married on 22 August in Reno, Nevada.

John Taylor has transferred from Civilian Personnel here at Letterman to the Railroad Retirement Office in San Francisco and is followed by the good wishes of his friends here.

Ruth DeHay, Occupational Therapy, returned to work after spending a week's vacation at Boulder Creek.

Mary McFadden, Public Information Office, returned Monday from three weeks vacation, during which she visited Boulder Dam, the Grand Canyon, Arizona, Laguna Beach, Los Angeles, Carmel and Monterey, and Mexico.

Popular Hilda Mansfield left the PX Grill recently to take up the duties of a ward attendant here in the hospital.

A welcome is extended to Mary Ivory, who will work in Out-Patient Service. Letterman is familiar territory to Mary, who worked here during the war as an ambulance driver.

Another wedding has come to light and this time it is Elizabeth Shackelford of the Laundry who was married to Pvt. Harry E. Meyers, Medical Supply, on 16 August in the Letterman Chapel, with Chaplain Albert F. Click officiating. They plan a honeymoon after Pvt. Meyers is discharged from the service in November.

Mrs. Helen Collins, formerly of the Officers Pay Section, is the proud mother of a baby boy, John William, born 8 August.

Eulalia Beebee, Dental Clinic, is back at work after spending her vacation in Canada.

Lad looking through a telescope: "God!"

Friend: "Aw, gwan, it ain't that powerful!"

A young lady went into a drug-store. "Have you any Lifebuoy?" she asked the clerk. "Set the pace, lady—set the pace!"

There are several good five-cent cigars on the market, but they are sold at higher prices.

TWO FIRST SERGEANTS IN THE SAME OUTFIT—THE GLENN FAMILY



Master Sgt. OPAL G. GLENN
The question is, who gives the orders?

We have often wondered what happens to a First Sergeant on returning to quarters after the work of the day is done. Does the gruff demeanor characteristic of the grade endure at the family fireside or does one lay aside the character and become almost human?

We never came up with an answer to that and right now we have it doubled in the case of two first sergeants in the same family and the question is who gives the orders. The lady is a master sergeant and acting first sergeant while the man in the family is a mere first sergeant period. Try that for size in problems.

Master Sergeant Opal G. Glenn is the top lady in our WAC detachment and she has been with us a long time, or what is considered a long time in one command these days—ever since May 1945. She came to us at that time and was placed in charge of WAC medical technician training for the female soldiers who responded to the appeal for women to assist in the care of the sick and wounded. For her excellent work in this field she received the Army Commendation

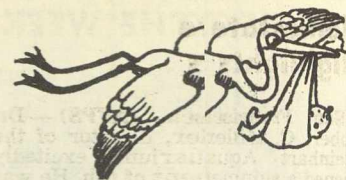
Ribbon on the recommendation of the commanding general.

Sgt. Glenn reached the grade of master sergeant on 18 August 1946 and in January 1947 was named First Sergeant of the detachment—a position she still holds and with marked success.

She started out to be a school teacher with a bachelor's degree in Education from Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Texas, and moved on to the University of Colorado where she took a course in mental hygiene in which she was working for her master's degree. Her military service is just a temporary detour and ultimately she plans to get back to school.

Five paragraphs later we still have our problem and it all started when Sgt. Glenn became the wife of First Sergeant Roswell H. Glenn, T. C. Sixth Army, with station at the Presidio. The wedding took place on 11 June 1946 and the competition to be the best first sergeant in the Glenn family is still keen.

We do not wish to wind up in the middle but we say Opal G. Glenn is the best first sergeant our WAC detachment has ever had.



To M/Sgt. and M Mrs. Donald Soderberg, a boy, **Ronald**, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounces, born 18 August.

To Capt. and Mrs. Leonard Peterson, a boy, **Duane le Paul**, weight 6 pounds and 1 ounces, born 20 August.

To M/Sgt. and MrMrs. Theodore Olson, a boy, **Kenneth James**, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces, born 20 August.

To Lt. Col. and MrsMrs. James Weeks, a girl, **Sandra Anne**, weight 9 pounds and 4 ounces, born 2n 20 August.

To 2nd Lt. and MrMrs. Walter Mattox, a girl, **Bonnie Je Jane**, weight 6 pounds and 5 ounces, born 22 August.

To Capt. and Mrs. John Durakov, a boy, **John Stephen, Jr.**, weight 7 pounds and 14½ ounces, born 23 August.

To T/Sgt. and MrsMrs. Herbert Newton, a boy, **Kenneth H Herbert**, weight 6 pounds and 12 ounces, born 24 August.

To T/Sgt. and MrsMrs. Howard Hyatt, a boy, **Bryan EdEdward**, weight 8 pounds and 7 ounces, born 24 August.

MORE ABOUT G' GOOD-BYE

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army. The itinerary started at Daytona Beach, and then in succession she served at Philadelphia, Hot Springs, Ark., Ft. Oglethorpe, Camp Abbott, Fort Lewis, Is, Madigan General Hospital, Camp Beale, and San Francisco with the Pacific Division of Engineers before reporting to Letterman where her MOS caught up with her and she was assigned as company commander of the 87th WAC Company.

When that company was deactivated Lieut. Pleasant was assistant Registrar for a time and then was named assistant to the Medical Supply Officer where she has spent the last 20 months. Her return to civil life has seriously impaired the plan to form a baseball team of officers on duty with M Medical Supply.

Lieut. Pleasant will make her home in San Francisco and we hope to see her often as a visitor to the folks at Letterman.

Homestate Highlights

San Francisco (AFPS)—Dr. Robert C. Miller, director of the Steinhart Aquarium, excitedly opened a shipment of fish. He was heart-broken when he discovered that the fish were humuhumu-hiukole; he had ordered humumunukunukuapuaa.

McKees Rocks, Pa. (AFPS)—Agnes Vukson was granted a divorce. Her husband had doggedly followed a principle set down by his father; he soundly thrashed her three times a day.

San Jose, Calif. (AFPS)—A woman, who had all her teeth removed, left a dentist's office with her mouth painted purple. Spotting a friend outside, she gave him a playful purple yawn. The chap turned out to be a total stranger.

Greenville, S. C. (AFPS)—A cataloguer at the Furman University library, Miss Kathryn Pickel, has a new assistant: Roselle Dill.

Olivet, Mich. (AFPS)—A pigeon flying over Olivet College spied the Science building, Mather Hall, and landed on the porch of the building. The porch collapsed and the pigeon, a surprised bird, flew away.

Ithaca, N. Y. (AFPS)—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Haxton identified their seven-toed pet cat George, lying dead on a highway, three times. Each time the cat had seven toes and looked exactly like George, who mysteriously returned after each 'death.' That gives him six lives to go.

Omaha, Neb. (AFPS)—Police Lt. Louis Worm figured out a system for helping people remember his name, but some were apt to go astray. "Worm, like in fish worms," he says. Recently a visitor, back at the station after two years, asked for Lt. Fish.

Jefferson City, Mo. (AFPS)—From the state conservation commission comes a new warning: Don't get friendly with skunks! Many are known to have rabies.

Zanesville, O. (AFPS)—The Waterman Salvage Co. suffered a \$50,000 loss when their warehouse was completely destroyed by fire. Nothing was salvaged.

Bangor, Me. (AFPS)—A sign in a Bangor store reads: "This store will be closed as long as the fishing is good."

Brockton, Mass. (AFPS)—Joseph DePasqua's practice of gathering mushrooms, which he had been doing for 40 years was brought to a climax when he found a mushroom a foot high, three feet in diameter and weighing 48 pounds, during one of his daily hikes in the woods.

Indianapolis, Ind. (AFPS)—Upon entering his car, William Carr found a note from thieves who told him to check his right front tire before driving away. When he looked, he found the wheel was missing.

NEW DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SUPPLY WEARS EIGHT BARS FOR OVERSEAS



Lieut. Col. RALPH E. GRAHAM, MAC
Director, LGH Medical Supply Division

Reporting here recently for duty as Director, Medical Supply Division, was Lieutenant Colonel Ralph E. Graham, MAC, who probably has the longest overseas record in the command with eight gold service stripes on the left sleeve.

The colonel is a native of Bartlett, Ohio, and a graduate of South High School in the neighboring city of Columbus. He came into the Army via the Ohio National Guard in October 1940 and has spent his entire military life in the medical supply service.

His first 21 months were spent at Camp Shelby as Division Supply Officer for the 37th Division and then he went overseas to England where he really settled down at Burton-on-Trent for the next three years while assigned to General Depot No. 20. In August 1945 he moved over to France and in September he went on to Nuremburg where he stayed for a year. At one time he was with the 6th Medical Depot Company overseas and returned to the United States in September 1946 to find himself again

assigned to the same company but now based in St. Louis.

Col. Graham reported for duty at Letterman on 9 August of this year and took over the office of Director of Medical Supply. In this assignment he succeeds a long line of distinguished predecessors and will have the co-operation of well trained non-commissioned officers in carrying out his mission of keeping this hospital supplied with the many and varied items required for the proper care of the sick and injured.

We mentioned that Col. Graham had spent three years at one spot in England and it was only natural he would lose his heart after such a long exposure. Just a year ago last Sunday he celebrated the first anniversary of his marriage to Miss Mavis C. Young, of Burton-on-Trent.

We asked the colonel which man from Ohio would be the next President but he refrained from any reply, explaining he had been away from local politics too long to know much about the situation.

But who does?

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

During recent years the movement to reorganize and improve education has gained great impetus.

When we embarked on the great military undertaking in our history, education became an integral part of the soldier's training. Schools grew rapidly for the new servicemen. No subject was too technical for our civilian-soldiers.

The United States Armed Forces Institute was begun with the purpose of extending educational opportunities to those who were fighting and working for democracy. Throughout the operations of the war, education played a valuable part. Finally after three and one-half years of fighting, the peace for which we fought became a reality. That peace loomed before us—a challenge to the world. It was what we wanted and yet so complex that few could understand it.

Now we must take care and proceed cautiously, take care that ignorance will never lead us from the paths of tranquility.

By advancing ourselves and by educating ourselves for future times we can best protect the security so dearly purchased.

How about your education: It doesn't make any difference how much schooling you've had: Grammar School, High School or College; USAFI can help you pick up where you left off. There are hundreds of courses that are offered through your Educational Reconditioning office, concerning such fields as: Aviation and Automotive, Business Administration, Building Construction, Drafting and Applied Arts, Education and Psychology, Electricity, Electronics and Radio, English and Journalism, Foreign Languages, History, Mathematics, Photography, Plastics and Science.

Maybe you've said to yourself, "I'm too rusty to do anything with my education. I could never read a book and get the meaning out of it." Well don't kid yourself. As soon as you start work you'll be like an old fire horse.

It will keep you occupied and bring back many thoughts of school days. But if you have trouble now and then with your course, we have tutors who can help you. There is much you can do—now, get busy—get on the ball. Visit your Educational Reconditioning Office, Bldg. No 1039 or call No. 4403.



By Sgt. Dave Markson

(AFPS)—Ever hear the story of the poor guy who grieved when the bartender told him that he had run out of his favorite whiskey? It seems that he happily discovered he could get just as drunk, or drunker, on other brands. Likewise, although barkeep Earl Blaik has drained the last ounce of his Davis & Blanchard Scotch, Army's coach has a new bottle. It hasn't completely aged, but it nevertheless may prove pretty potent stuff. In other words, don't give up on Army for Eastern football supremacy in 1947.

Penn and Navy will field teams little short of sensational. The forthcoming Eastern battle should be hell-for-leather right down to the wire, a far cry from the one-team-reign of the past three seasons. But when the last punt has been returned, don't be too surprised if Army sneaks in a step ahead of the others!

If you read the Sunday papers carefully each Fall, you should do well on this one-question sports quiz: are the following names familiar—Rip Rowan, Bobby Jack Stuart, Joe Steffy, Goble Bryant, Bill Gustafson, Jim Rawers, Bob Folsom, Bill Galiffa, Ray Durry, Joe Shelly and Bill Yoeman?

The point is obvious. When last year's regulars were out, these were the lads who rolled up those extra touchdowns and made the Army scores the fabulous ones that they were. Some of them—Steffy, Bryant and Rowan in particular—played most of the time. Steffy was an All-American. Cadet coaches believe Stuart is faster than Davis. At any rate, no coach can list so many experienced battlers, men unaccustomed to being beaten, and not have a sectional honor contender on his hands. Not even Earl Blaik. And so, believe it or not, Army just might once again be the best team in the East.

For Navy, the clock ran out last year in an epic battle with Army that is gridiron history. It is history, the Middies believe, that is only going to repeat itself in part—the part in which Ribs Baysinger, Pete Williams, Al McCully and Bill



"I LOVE TROUBLE"

is the name of Janet Blair's new picture, in which she co-stars with Franchot Tone, but with that smile, etc., she ought to have only the minimum of trouble in any situation.

Hawkins, completely outplayed the Cadets. All four of the spirited backfield stars are set for another season, and another Army game. Tom Hamilton has crack pivot Dick Scott to anchor an experienced line that lacks reserve strength, and a pass snatching hold-over end in Art Markkey. Navy has been spotty since Bill Busick hung up his cleats. This could be their year.

At Penn, the red and blue banners fly high with monotonous regularity each year, and should again do so. Coach George Munger has Tony Minisi and more other "name" backs than any other Eastern mentor. Linesmen the caliber of George Savitsky, Chuck Bednarik and Art Littleton would warm the heart of any coach. The big difference between Army, Navy and Penn is that the Quakers do not play Notre Dame. And that could be all the difference in the world.

Columbia, with two fine backs in Lou Kusserow and Gene Rosides, could topple a few big 'uns if the wind is right. Yale's Howie Odell, with a well-balanced back-

field paced by speedster Levi Jackson, is dreaming of the finest Eli eleven since the glorious era of Clint Frank and Larry Kelly. Neither Columbia or Yale, however, is in a class with the big three.

Harvard, Cornell, Holy Cross, Princeton, Dartmouth and Brown line up as third-raters, with the sector's other schools doomed to obscurity.

Although it's a wee bit too early to be safe, an August All-Eastern might carry: Minisi, Jackson, Baysinger and Rowan in the backfield; Scott or Bednarik at center (and either of them could win national honors); Steffy, and Navy's Newbold Smith at guard; Savitsky and Cornell's Frank Wydo at tackle; Littleton, Rawers, Markel and Holy Cross' Jimmy Dieckleman on the flanks.

And to wind up way out on the proverbial limb, if you must tab an upset to match the 17-14 Princeton over Penn surprise in '46 you might find it in Army's opener against Villanova. Andy Gordon, Phil Rogers and friends are still burning over three straight shut-out defeats.

Veterans' Queries

Disabled veterans of World War II enrolled in educational or on-the-job training courses under Public Law 16 will receive an increase in subsistence allowance if their disability is rated at 30 per cent or higher.

Under the provisions of a law voted at the last session of Congress, this group of veterans will receive \$115 a month, without dependents, \$135 if married, \$20 for the first child, \$15 each for additional children or dependent parent.

Veterans with a disability rating of less than 30 per cent will continue to receive allowances at the old rate, \$105 if single, \$115 with one dependent, \$10 for one child, \$7 for each additional child, and \$15 for a dependent parent.

Another law extended for one year the time in which veterans of World War II who lost, or lost the use of, one or both legs, may make application for automobiles or other conveyances.

The deadline for application for enlisted men's terminal leave pay was extended until Sept. 1, 1948. These applications are made directly to the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard and are not handled by VA.

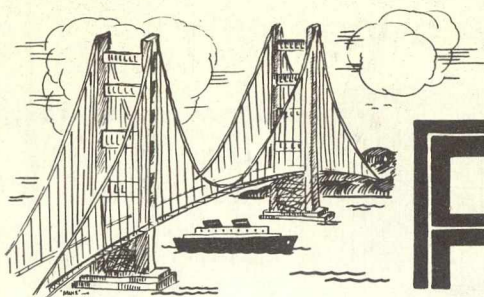
Another law now makes it possible for retired enlisted men and officers of Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to represent veterans in claims against the Veterans Administration if they are accredited representatives of one of the 68 national and state organizations authorized to file such claims.

July 25, 1947, has been established as the final day which may be counted by servicemen and women as service during World War II in establishing eligibility for education and training, loan guarantees and readjustment allowances under the G. I. Bill.

However, those who entered the service under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945 and whose enlistment period extends beyond July 25, 1947, are not affected by the law. For those coming under the Voluntary Recruitment Act the comparable period will be from Sept. 16, 1940 to the end of the term for which they enlisted or reenlisted.

Question: Will the amount of compensation I receive for a service-incurred disability be reduced in event I find employment?

Answer: No. Earnings from such work do not affect the amount of compensation received.



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LGH Wins Sixth Army Softball Championship

The Letterman Softball Team, managed by Lt. R. W. Lehman, brought another trophy back to this hospital by taking first place in the Sixth Army Softball Tournament. This is the second first place trophy the team has won this season.

After winning the semi-finals at Camp Stoneman, the team went down to Fort Ord to compete against Fort Lewis and Fort Lawton (the two northern champions) and Fort Ord, who was runner up to Letterman in the southern semi-finals.

Letterman drew Fort Lawton as its first opponent. For six innings, Bruce Dryer held the Lawton men hitless, and then with one out in the seventh, Lawton suddenly exploded and pushed across five runs to come within one of tying the game. The final score, Letterman, 6; Lawton, 5.

The next day, the Lettermen came up against Fort Ord, and downed them 4 to 1. Dryer was again the winning pitcher. Fred Lindsey starred for Letterman with a home run and two singles in four at bat.

On Saturday, the medics were again paired with Fort Lawton in what could have been the championship game. The Lawton team was too much for Letterman that day, however, and overcame them by the one-sided score of 8 to 1. Adams was the losing pitcher.

This loss necessitated a playoff game on Sunday between LGH and Lawton. Each team was tied with two wins and one defeat, and in this game the two contenders proved to all who were watching the game that Fort Lawton and Letterman General Hospital were truly champion softball teams. For six innings the game was deadlocked at two runs apiece. Then with one out in



SIXTH ARMY SOFTBALL TROPHY

Pfc. Fred Lindsey, captain of the Letterman Softball team, and Lieut. R. W. Lehman, team manager, shake hands on Letterman's latest trophy, brought back from Fort Ord this week, where the Letterman team won the Sixth Army Softball Championship.

the sixth, Jim Schultz walked, stole second, and scored the winning run on Cal Steele's single to center field. Schultz also scored Letterman's second run in the fourth inning, and batted in the first one after Lindsey had tripled in the second inning. Dryer again pitched, and allowed Lawton only three hits while striking out seven.

The team, which is made up of

detachment men stationed at Letterman, is as follows: Lt. R. W. Lehman, Lt. L. L. LaRae, Lt. E. Adams, T/Sgt. Joseph Surowicz, T/5 Leon Stein, T/5 Joseph Wargo, T/5 Lloyd Woodbury, T/4 Calvin Steele, Pfc. James Schultz, Pfc. Fred Lindsey, Pfc. Edward Warkoczewski, Pfc. Bruce Dryer, Pvt. Richard Brouwer, and Pvt. Albert Beddla. Pfc. Lindsey is captain of the LGH team.

Bust of Walter Reed to Be Placed In Hall of Fame

Members of the Army Medical Department will share in the honor of placing a bust of Walter Reed in the New York University Hall of Fame, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General, announced recently.

A niche among these immortals of history has been designated for Walter Reed and arrangements are to be made to provide a statue of this great scientist whose name is synonymous with the conquest of yellow fever.

A few individual doctors have asked that they be given the privilege of contributing the necessary funds for this purpose, an amount estimated to be approximately \$6,000, which includes the commissioning of a sculptor. "It has been suggested, however," General Bliss said, "that all members of the Medical Department would wish to be given the opportunity of paying tribute to Walter Reed by participating in this memorial. No name has reflected greater glory upon the Army Medical Department. It is only fitting and proper that the plaque under the bust should bear evidence that the personnel of the Army Medical Department had a part in the project."

Ceremonies observing this occasion will be held when the Fourth International Congresses of Tropical Medicine and Malaria meet in Washington, D. C., 10-18 May 1948. From all over the world the great scientists in tropical medicine, malaria, and allied specialties will be gathered in Washington for this convention.

Members of the Medical Department will be given an opportunity to contribute to this fund if they so desire.

Army Nurses Praised for Adaptability and Ingenuity

The term "Army nurse" has long been identified with high standards of training, and Army nurses are known for their adaptability and ingenuity in emergencies. They are kept abreast of current developments in nursing procedures by means of an up-to-the-minute training program, and their experience in dealing with conditions produced by combat emergencies makes them the possessors of a well-rounded knowledge of medical care.

The advantage of Army nurse training was demonstrated in the recent Texas City explosion disaster. A special tribute was paid to the Army nurses for the outstanding efficiency of their work on that occasion in an article "From Out of the Chaos," written by Dorothy Sutherland for "R.N.," the national monthly of the nursing profession. The article points out that everyone in Galveston and vicinity, where the disaster victims were cared for, agreed that the performance of the Army-trained nurse was remarkable.

Although all the nurses who served in the emergency did excellent work, it was noted that the nurses with military experience, because of their understanding of and familiarity with surgery and post-operative care under the most adverse conditions, had an extra contribution to give to the patients.

There was need for speed and efficiency, for improvisation of equipment and method, and for teamwork, and all these, in the highest degree, were forthcoming from the Army-trained nurse.

Army nurses have been commended for brilliant and careful work which contributed to the low mortality rate of World War II wounded. The article complimenting their work in the Texas City disaster speaks of the speed and ingenuity developed during the war, in surgery and on the wards. During the conflict they saw hundreds of examples of complicated conditions which they might view only once in several years of civilian practice.

The Army nurses had an opportunity to watch the effects of application of new drugs and new techniques, to hear lectures on them and to study official reports on research done within their own units. They had a chance to learn more about the use of penicillin, strepto-



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mycin and the sulfas than the above-average civilian nurse.

A joint medical board, in which civilians and military participated, issued an official report on the management and outcome of the medical aspects of the Texas City disaster. The following excerpt is quoted from the report:

"Four days after the catastrophe in Texas City the majority of patients were convalescent. It is important to recognize certain factors responsible for their splendid medical accomplishment. In the first place, the pattern of injury duplicated experiences in the recent war. Secondly, many of the attending physicians, nurses, and rescue workers were only recently released from the armed services. Significantly, the effective management of casualties followed military precedent . . ."

It is pointed out that Army nurses were among the first to arrive on the scene of the disaster, and that included in the first groups of civilian volunteers were scores of former Army nurses.

A great many of the critically injured were hospitalized at John Sealy Hospital, the University of Texas School of Medicine and Nursing, and there the staff was particularly impressed with the performance of those nurses with military experience. The comments of Dr. Truman Blocker, of the hospital faculty, are quoted as typical of what the hospital staff thought of the efficiency of military-trained nurses.

"There wasn't a moment's confusion. Those nurses knew exactly what to do and they took over as efficiently as if we had trained them ourselves. They worked right along with our own men, almost in the same rhythm. They seemed to anticipate everything our surgeons needed, even though they hadn't worked with them before."

Civilian hospital staffs saw the nurse with military training in action in the disaster at a time when their help was desperately needed, and in appreciation, they have openly expressed their profound admiration for the work accomplished by the Army nurse.

Consultants to Arrive at LGH Next Week

Three members of the Society of the United States Medical Consultants of World War II will arrive at Letterman on Monday and will be here during the week conducting an appraisal of the residency and intern program, it was announced this week by the Office of the Surgeon General.

The consultants are Dr. Yale Kneeland, Internal Medicine; Dr. Frank B. Berry, Surgery; Dr. Alfred O. Ludwig, Neuropsychiatry.

Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, Chief of the Surgical Service, cancelled plans for attending the Annual Congress of the American College of Surgeons which will be held next week in New York, in order to be here during the visit of the consultants. Lieut. Col. Joseph B. Gordon, assistant chief, will represent Letterman at the congress.

Nominate 427 More Nurses for Regular Army Nurse Corps

On July 22 President Truman forwarded to the Senate for confirmation the names of 427 Army nurses who have been nominated for permanent commissions in the Regular Army Nurse Corps.

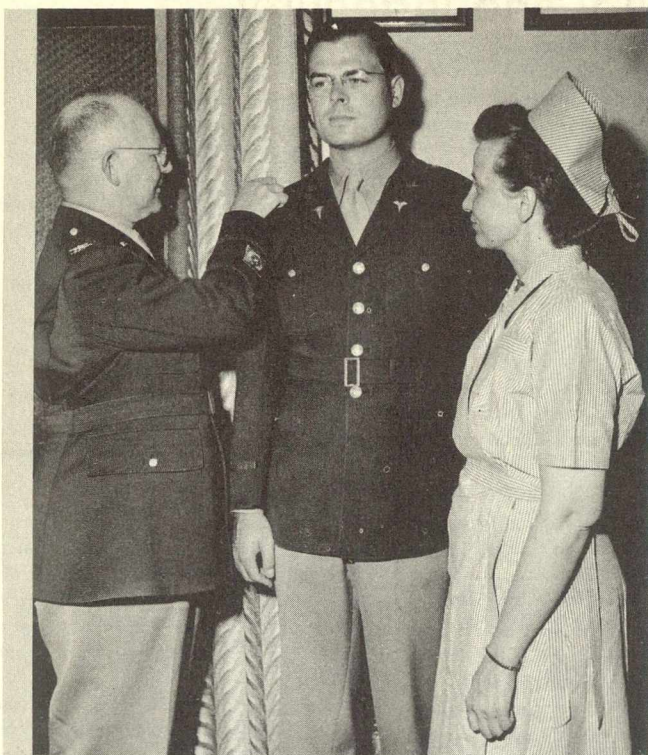
Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield headed the previous list of 73 nurses whose commissions were confirmed on July 8. She was presented her commission on July 18 in a ceremony held in the office of General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff.

A breakdown of the new nomination list shows that a total of 120 have been recommended for appointment as captains and 307 for appointment as first lieutenants.

On confirmation, the strength of the Regular Army Nurse Corps will be 500. The authorized strength of the new component has been set at 2,558.

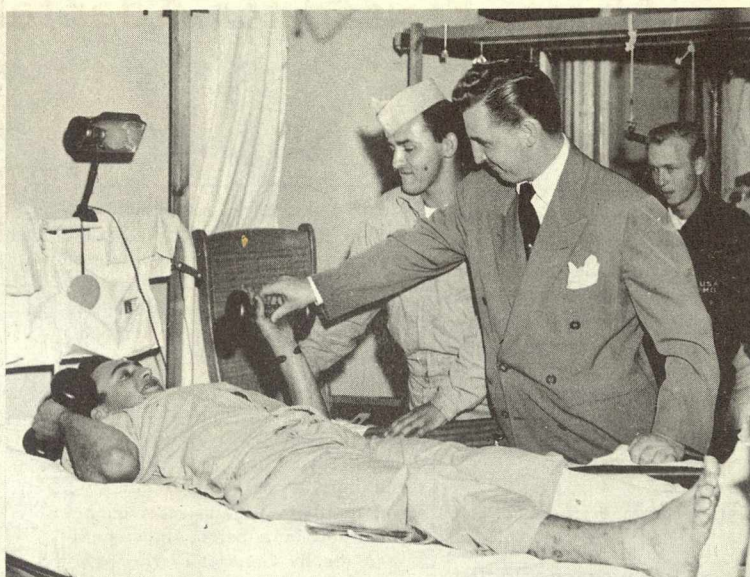
Registered nurses with previous military service who are between the ages of 21 to 35 may apply for commissions in the Regular Army until September 30, 1947.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



PROMOTIONS

Col. Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, pins twin bars on Captain Jean D. Fox, MC, and Captain Elizabeth V. Hobbins, ANC



EDDIE BRACKEN

Here from Hollywood who entertained patients on several wards last week, stops to chat with Peter Roegieres and Leonard Slavin of ward C-1



NEW CHAMPIONS

Members of the Letterman Softball Team, the new Sixth Army Champions. Front row, L to R: T-5 Lloyd Woodbury, T-Sgt. Joseph Surowicz, T-Sgt. Joseph Wargo, T-4 Calvin Steele. Standing, L to R: Lt. R. W. Lehman, Pfc. James Schultz, Pfc. Fred Lindsey, T-5 Leon Stein, Lt. L. L. LaRae.



DIPLOMAS

Are presented by First Lieut. Andrew M. Flom to personnel who completed Neuropsychiatric Technician training last week. Front row: Lieut. Flom, Pvt. Paul W. Stoner. Center: Sgt. Leonard T. Centek, Pfc. Elias Y Balensuela. Back row: T-4 Dean A. Honeyager, Pfc. Luke T. Conklin.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

FOR THE FUTURE

Fortune tellers make a lot of money because people like to look into the future. Of course it's true that some of the things that are going to happen to us are such that we're happier if we don't know about them in advance. But the fact is that there is one sure means we can all take toward building our own future.

That means is saving. Now saving often seems like a dull subject, particularly to the chronic non-saver. He's the one who usually can't buy what he wants when he wants it because he neglected to look into the future and prepare for it. Or an emergency comes along and he can't take care of it—he has to rush out and try to borrow the needed cash.

One of the simplest ways of steady saving is by means of the United States Savings Bond method. This may be done either by cash purchases or by the payroll savings plan. The latter is the best because it is regular, and it is also painless. If you buy a bond a month, and the sum is deducted regularly from your paycheck, there is no need to make that decision each time you are paid—to save or not to save.

Probably no one needs to be told that a bond which costs \$18.75 will be worth \$25 in ten years, and that the bonds may be cashed, if necessary, 60 days after date of purchase.

Save—and make your future safe.



Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, Chief of the Regular Army Nurse Corps, the first American woman to receive a full commission in the Regular Army, began her final leave on August 15 and upon its completion will retire from active Army service.

As the first officer commissioned in the Regular Army Nurse Corps, Colonel Blanchfield had the same serial number as General Pershing, serial number O-1 and received her commission in a personal presentation made by General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, in Pentagon Building ceremonies.

Colonel Blanchfield entered the Army Nurse Corps thirty years ago at Pittsburgh in July 1917. She is a native of Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Following her appointment she served overseas during World War I with Base Hospital No. 27. After the war she was detailed to a series of nursing duties in medical installations in the United States and had two assignments in the Philippine Islands and one in China.

In World War II Colonel Blanchfield spent much of her time in the field where her interest in the welfare of the nurses lent encouragement to their efforts. She made an extended tour of the European and Mediterranean Theaters of Operation, the Antilles Department, and the Pacific Theater of Operation.

She was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in June 1945 for her devotion to duty as Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps.

Colonel Blanchfield plans at present "to take a few short motor trips to be followed later by motoring to the West Coast and Mexico City."

General George E. Armstrong, Deputy Surgeon General, paid high tribute to Colonel Blanchfield's outstanding ability and to the fine record she made in organizing the Army Nurse Corps into one of the finest departments of the Army.

We are living at a time when creeds and ideologies vary and clash. But the gospel of human sympathy is universal and eternal. —Samuel Hopkins Adams.

WAC

Seven lucky members of the WAC detachment got brand new permanent waves for free over the holiday week-end, when they were models to demonstrate the new "radio-wave" at a beauty show at the Palace Hotel. Machine work of the wave takes from 30 seconds to seven minutes, and the entire job, shampoo, set, etc., takes a total time of only one hour. The girls who are rejoicing in their new permanents this week are Violet Collings, Virginia Hill, Dorothy Bennett, Anna Christensen, Leatris Lamascus, Nancy Banvard and Christine McConnell.

Nellie Johnson and Anna Christensen are enjoying those long-awaited furlough days. Nellie is heading for Moscow, Idaho, while Anna is going to Salina, Utah.

Just ask Sgt. Opal Glenn how she liked that six-hour drive from Sacramento on Sunday, and you are apt to be sorry you tried to be funny. However, after describing the five mile per hour drive, with 30-minute stopovers, which flavored the inch-by-inch crawl home, Sgt. Glenn said the horse show and the fireworks at the California State Fair made the traffic-packed drive worth while after all.

Edith Altenburg and Carolyn Fix are still telling fish stories about the 24-inch codfish (one each) which they caught on the weekly fishing trip outside the Golden Gate. Henrietta Callari went on the trip too, but said she had no catch to report, only that two crabs took one look at her and jumped back into the sea.

By now Jessie Pekarski and Marjorie Burns are back home telling their respective mothers to please put on that famous pot of Boston beans. Marjorie reported that she didn't have to tell the baggage man at the depot twice where she was heading. Have you ever heard Marjorie say "Boston?" It's a treat.

Stella Watras, who became the bride of Pfc. Woodrow Wilson last Saturday afternoon in the post chapel, was the guest of the detachment at a reception held in the WAC dayroom following the ceremony. The table was set for the occasion with a white tablecloth, crystal and white candles, and large white chrysanthemums. Capt. Velma Richardson,

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 7 September, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Retires

Staff Sergeant George L. Moran, one of the Letterman old timers, passed to the retired list of the army on Sunday for physical disability in line of duty. His active duty service was 20 years, one month, and 20 days.

Sgt. Moran was a member of the GM Detachment at Letterman from 1939 to 1943 and returned here as a medic in February 1945. He also served at Fort Amador in the Canal Zone, Corregidor in the Philippines, and on Alcatraz Island when it was a military prison.

The sergeant recently bought a home at Atherton and will settle down to a quiet life far from the bright lights of the big city.

Registration

Registration for the Fall semester at San Francisco Junior College will begin September 18. Former students are required to register September 18 and 19; new students, September 22, 23 and 24.

Transportation for patients will be provided upon request to the Educational Reconditioning office, Building 1039, extension 4403.

chief dietitian, arranged for the lovely decorations and the four-tiered wedding cake. Sandwiches, cookies, cake and punch were served. A special cake was baked by the men of the Cooks' and Bakers' School.

A joint "farewell" and "greeting" celebration was held Sunday morning in the WACC dayroom, when the detachment said good-bye to Captain Marion Chaapin and met the new WAC CO, Captain Charlotte Woodworth.

WAC OF THE WEEK



HENRIETTA CALLARI
Technician Fourth Grade

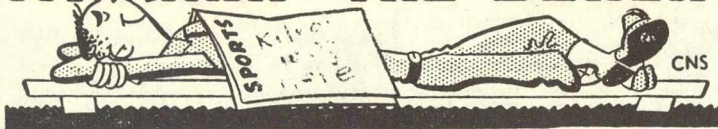
T/4 Henrietta Callari, currently assigned to Out Patient Service, had a variety of occupations before she entered the WAC. She was an assistant dress designer, then AAF inspector for Wright Aeronautical, and later worked as grease monkey on planes at Newark Airport. "I was one of the first two girls who worked on planes at the airport, and we had a lot of opposition at first, but we managed to overcome it," she says. While there she became interested in learning to fly. "I had only two lessons," she says "but one of these days I'm going back and really become a flyer."

As soon as Henrietta could get a release from her job at the airport she joined the WAC, in August 1945, shortly before V-J Day. She was inducted in her home state, New York, and went to Des Moines for basic training and clerk's school. Upon completion of these courses she was assigned to duty at Halloran General Hospital at Staten Island, N. Y., where she remained for eight months.

She was then sent overseas to Caserta, Italy, and was there until March of this year, when she came home on emergency furlough because of the death of her father. While overseas she visited Rome, Capri and Sorrento in Italy, spent a week in Frankfurt, Germany, and a brief time in Paris. She thoroughly enjoyed her overseas duty, and wants to go back to Europe some day.

When she returned to duty after her furlough, she asked for a West Coast assignment, and came to Letterman in June. In her leisure time Henrietta enjoys swimming, hiking, and skiing. She is now taking a course in ceramics here in San Francisco, and would like to work in that field when she leaves the Army.

WARMIN' THE BENCH



By SGT. CLARENCE SMITH

(AFPS)—Fickleness of fans and the fickle finger of fate trace the same course in the sports world. Hardened athletes philosophically ride the tides of fortune by reminding themselves: "Today a hero, tomorrow a bum." But for the sensitive souls who like to kid themselves that the glory of the moment will be long remembered, the vicissitudes of Lady Luck are hard to take.

In 1946 the hottest argument you could stir up in any group of baseball fans concerned the question of whether Bob Feller or Hal Newhouser was the greatest pitcher in the majors. Currently Feller is not even close to being in the ten leading hurlers. Hurricane Hal is a mild zephyr, ranking about 40th.

Other fingers who scaled the heights of greatness last season and tumbled this year are Dave (Boo) Ferris of the Red Sox and Murray Dickson and Howie Pollet of the Cardinals. Conversely, Ewell Blackwell, who won nine while losing 13 with the Reds in 1946, clicked off a 16-game winning streak and probably will be the first hurler this season to hit the 25-victory mark. Now just about everyone is yammering that he is the greatest moundman of the decade. And many fans are not nearly as conservative in notching his niche in the hall of fame.

September rolled to a close last season with Mickey Vernon of the Senators and Stan Musial of the Cardinals firmly entrenched as the batting champs of the American and National Leagues. Mickey's .353 average prompted Owner Clark Griffith to say he was not interested in a \$150,000 offer from the Yanks at the beginning of this season. Near the end of August Mickey was hitting .275. Musial also was about 65 points below his 1946 average.

Meanwhile, Harry Walker, who was not good enough to hold down a regular berth with the Cardinals in 1946 despite the physical infirmities of Terry Moore, was celebrating his transfer to the Phillies by setting the pace for all major leaguers with a .354 average. Barney McCoskey, traded by Detroit because of a hitting slump in 1946, was the big gun in the surprising climb of Connie Mack's Athletics. Hitting .336, he was two points behind top man Ted Williams.

Perusal of current records reveals a sizeable list of others who have dropped from or are climbing along the glory trail. Burly John Mize, whose best previous season was with the Cards in 1940, when his 43 home runs tied Chuck Klein's record for left-handed hitters, was keeping pace with Babe Ruth's all-time record of 60 homers in a season. And 25-year-old Ralph Kiner, who led National League home-run hitters with 23 as a rookie in 1946, was right behind Mize. To Kiner is attributed the joshing remark to Hank Greenberg, supposedly drawing \$80,000 for his labors with the Pirates: "You draw the salary and I'll hit the homers."

Getting back to the original topic of fickleness of fans, a new craze has been sweeping both leagues this season. It seems that, recognizing their disposition to boo when a player is taking his bumps, fans want to give him "something to remember me by" while he is a reigning star. Joe DiMaggio, hissed frequently last season, received acknowledgement for the part he is playing in leading the Yanks to the pennant when fans presented him with a convertible Cadillac. That Joe already had a Cadillac convertible was completely ignored.

Up in Boston the fans did much better for Bobby Doerr. Not content with handing over a new Cadillac sedan, they supplemented it with other gifts in the grand aggregate of about \$22,000. Meanwhile, Bobby, who in 1946 was rated on a par with Joe Gordon, now is being acclaimed by many as the greatest fielding second baseman of all time—a claim which lightly overlooks the memory of Charley Gehringer.

Johnny Schmitz of the Cubs and Carl Furillo of the Dodgers did not fare as well. They had to be content only with new Buick sedans worth about \$4,500 each at current black market prices. Frank Shea, spectacular rookie pitcher of the Yankees, was even less fortunate. All he got was a new Hudson, a wrist watch and sundry other gifts. Yogi Berra, rookie Yank catcher, received similar tribute.

There seems to be no end to the generosity of baseball fans this season. Scarcely a week passes without one or more players being showered with their beneficence. June in January or Christmas in July, it all adds up to the same conclusion: Should the tide of fortune turn, instead of convertibles to give them content and praises to please their ears, the idols of today will try not to feel too keenly the raucous cries from the same fans:

"Get outa there, ya crum-bum!"

ON THE SPOT



WALTER R. HOWES
Staff Sergeant

Next month Staff Sergeant Walter R. Howes of ward E-1 will have been a patient at Letterman for one year, and during that time he has not been idle. "All my life I never had enough time to read," he says, "but since I've been here I've been a bed patient all the time, and I've read for hours at a stretch." And he's still not tired of it. Not only has he read a lot of books he's always intended to delve into but never got around to, but he also absorbs four newspapers a day and reads two national weeklies.

Besides two of the local dailies and his hometown paper from Watsonville, he reads the New York daily, "PM," and "The Nation" and "New Republic." He seldom goes in for fiction, but when he does, it's historical novels.

Before he entered the Army he was a meat-cutter, but he intends to go back to school, probably the University of California, when he leaves the hospital, which he hopes will be within the next year. He wants to specialize in political science and journalism. Meanwhile he intends to begin work on an extension course in writing to get himself into the swing of studying again.

He entered the Army in January 1943, and after basic training at Fort Warren, Wyo., he was stationed at Fort Crook, Nebraska; Camp Adair, Oregon, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi, before going overseas in December 1944. He served in France, Germany and Austria with the Third Army, 65th Infantry Division. He was overseas with the occupation forces for a year after the war ended, and since he knew German, served as interpreter with Intelligence. In June 1946 he was injured in a jeep accident, and upon

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CIVIL CIRCLES

Winifred Biehl, new library assistant, was welcomed to Letterman this week. She is no stranger to Army routine, having been a librarian at Fort Scott and at Fort Worden, Washington, before coming to Letterman. Her fellow workers in the library call her "Freddie," thus chalking up a new nickname to take the place of the usual "Winnie."

It is reported that Leone Brennan of Oral Surgery has changed the name of her car from Betsy to Bettina. Bettina looks so elegant in her new gray paint job that a note of dignity was needed in her name, it seems.

LaVerne Leake, lab technician, flew to Los Angeles for a week's vacation, not wishing to waste an extra minute on travel.

Helen (Sugar) Day of the Lab stayed up all night during her three-day holiday to play poker, and she found that it paid off, too.

Mrs. James O'Connell of the Detachment of Patients (the former Helen Smith) is back at her desk after a honeymoon spent at Lake Tahoe and Reno.

Bernice Riney, laboratory technician, has resigned, and will live in Sonora, where her husband is a forest ranger.

It's downright mouth-watering to see Helen Hoffman and Betty Strunk of Special Services at work constructing sandwiches to serve to the various entertainers after the latter finish their stint on the wards.

Labor Day was really an occasion for labor for William Day, laboratory technician, who entertained at his home in Berkeley that day at a barbecue dinner for 20 couples. In the group were friends from as far away as Los Angeles and Washington, D. C.

Lillian Jones of the Dental Clinic, returning from her vacation even more than her usual joyous self, and as brown as toast, reports a wonderful time. The area covered ranged from Lake Tahoe to Los Angeles, and included the fiesta at Santa Barbara, the rodeo at Los Angeles and a trip to Catalina.

"I certainly thought the jokes in the last issue were terrible."

"Oh, I don't know, I threw them in the stove and the fire just roared."

HER WANTS ARE SIMPLE—JUST AN APARTMENT AND RACHEL



Captain CHARLOTTE I. WOODWORTH, WAC
New CO of the Letterman WAC Detachment

A fabulous story got under way about the luck of Captain Charlotte Woodworth, new CO of the WAC detachment at Letterman, shortly after her arrival here two weeks ago. It was to the effect that two days after her arrival in San Francisco she was the proud possessor of an APARTMENT! This naturally caused her to be regarded with no little awe by everyone, particularly eager apartment-seekers, who rushed to obtain her formula.

Sad to relate, the apartment was on a sublease, and just as Captain Woodworth was about to move in, the original tenants returned home. At last report Captain Woodworth was still looking. Any offers? The vivacious and friendly captain would be an asset as a tenant, that's certain.

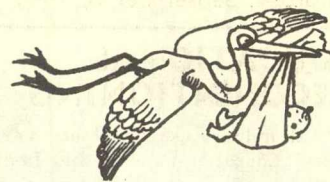
She was born in Adams, New York, but her home town is now Syracuse. She is a graduate of Syracuse University, and before she entered the WAAC in December 1942, she taught school in Buffalo. She received her basic training at Des Moines, and went to Daytona Beach, Florida for OCS. After receiving her commission she remained there as basic company commander for 20 months, then went to Colorado Springs, Second Air Force head-

quarters, as CO of the WAC detachment there.

On July 4, 1945, she sailed for Germany, and was stationed in Berlin as WAC company commander for two years. She speaks of her overseas duty as "quite an experience," and no wonder, because while in Europe, she saw a lot of the Continent. She visited Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, England, Ireland and Scotland. She particularly enjoyed Rome, London and Dublin. She spent Easter of this year at Stratford-on-Avon, while the Shakespeare Festival was in progress, and saw a performance of "Romeo and Juliet" while she was there.

Captain Woodworth returned to the States in July, and she and another WAC officer, with whom she shared quarters, brought with them their two black cocker spaniels, Oscar and Rachel. Captain Woodworth's spaniel is Rachel, and Rachel is currently waiting in Syracuse to hear that the captain has that apartment and is sending for her.

Besides Rachel, Captain Woodworth also likes golf and the theatre. She is happy to be in San Francisco, having asked for a West Coast assignment upon her return from overseas.



To Captain and Mrs. Howard Thrasher, a girl, Linda Jean, weight 8 pounds and 1 ounce, born 27 August.

To Captain and Mrs. William Lutz, a girl, Toni Kathleen, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces, born 29 August.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Claude Smith, a girl, Vickie Rae, weight 5 pounds and 7 ounces, born 30 August.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James White, a girl, Edith Charlotte, weight 7 pounds and 5½ ounces, born 30 August.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Hoffman Wong, a boy, Vincent, weight 7 pounds, born 1 September.

Information

"Use of any envelopes or other articles on which the penalty indicia has been printed will be limited to official mail transmitted through postal channels only, since procurement and usage are accountable. Envelopes and other material bearing the "penalty for private use to avoid payment of postage" indicia will not be used for conveyance of matter through message centers, Security Courier Service and interoffice communications systems, etc., except when such matter is transmitted through postal channels, nor will they be used for personal unofficial correspondence." (Extract, SGO Circular 109, 22 August 1947.)

MORE ABOUT WALTER R. HOWES

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his return to the United States last September came by hospital train to Letterman.

This summer he started a discussion group on world affairs, which hears speakers twice monthly on ward E-1. The group welcomes patients from other wards who care to take part, says Sgt. Howes.

"That sergeant! I've never heard a man talk so fast in my life."

"Why shouldn't he? His father was a tobacco auctioneer and his mother was a woman."

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

That military personnel are very much "Education-minded" has been proved by the enthusiastic response to Educational Reconditioning's announcement that funds were available to pay tuition for individuals who wished to take University Extension courses during off-duty time.

As of the 26th of August, 1947, Educational Reconditioning had temporarily to stop accepting applications, the reason for this being that in seven short days our allocated fund was exhausted. A waiting list is being maintained however, and if you were too late for a share in the fund, don't despair. A supplementary amount has been requested and it is hoped that it will be available very soon, and if you desire a course and are willing to pay for it, don't hesitate to make your own arrangements. Classes are starting now. Educational Reconditioning has University Extension Bulletins for your convenience.

The first tally showed that 126 courses were being taken by the military at Letterman. The following courses were the most popular: Elementary German, Mastery of Words, The Art of Thinking, Elementary Spanish, General Psychology and Conversational Russian. A few of the other courses included Life Drawing, Improving the Speaking Voice, Pottery Making, Analytic Geometry and Calculus, Organic Chemistry, and Diesel Engines.

The fact that so many are interested in continuing their education shows that Army men and women are taking advantage of one of the many opportunities that an Army career provides.

Miss Frances Lilienthal will be back the 15th of September to continue her classes and tutoring in French, Spanish, History, Civics and English. Mrs. Ruth Staley will continue teaching her typing and shorthand class from 1300 to 1400 daily. Beginning the 15th of September there will also be a typing and shorthand class from 1000 to 1100 daily. For patients only we have Music lessons: Sgt. Guy Shortz gives instruction on all musical instruments and Miss Harriet Baken teaches piano, harmony, music theory and counterpoint daily. If you are interested in Art lessons we will send Miss Perry to see you. Enroll at the Educational Reconditioning Branch Bldg. 1039 or if you are a bed patient we will come to see you—Telephone 4403.

NEW CO OF HTU SERVED OVERSEAS IN BOTH ETO AND PACIFIC THEATRES



Lieut. Col. WILSON T. SMITH, MC
Commanding Officer, Letterman Hospital Train Section

Returning to Letterman for a second tour of duty after a five-year absence, Lieut. Col. Wilson T. Smith, MC, recently assumed the duties of commanding officer of the Hospital Train Section upon the departure of Lieut. Col. R. L. Whitfield, Jr. The Letterman Hospital Train Section has been designated headquarters for both East and West Coast HTU activities.

In his fifteen years in the Army, Colonel Smith has been assigned to numerous stations, but Letterman is top favorite on the list, and he says he is very happy to be back here again.

Colonel Smith was born in Navasota, Texas, and received his M. D. at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in 1931. After hospital internship and training at Houston, he entered the Regular Army Medical Corps in December 1932 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he remained for nearly a year. Then, after a course in Medical Field Service at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., he was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, as attending

surgeon, from June 1934 until September 1936. The next two years were spent at Fort Knox, Ky.

After attending the basic course at the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C., he served a 28-month tour of duty at Scofield Barracks, Hawaii. His next station was Letterman. He came here in June 1941, and for the next 20 months served as executive officer to Colonel Berle, who was then Chief of the Medical Service. When he left LGH, Colonel Smith went to Schick General Hospital at Clinton, Iowa, as Adjutant to Col. Dean F. Winn, who was then commanding officer of Schick.

In August 1943 Colonel Smith went to England as CO of the 303rd Station Hospital. Illness caused his return to the States after eight months, and following his recovery he served briefly at Camp Grant and Camp Ellis, Ill. He went overseas again in November 1944, this time to the Pacific, and was CO of the 168th Evacuation Hospital at New Guinea. After V-J Day he was sent

HOMESTATE

Cedar Falls, Iowa (AFPS)—The alert Chamber of Commerce that sends out letters of congratulations to new mothers got one rather huffy reply: "What is this . . . ? All I had was an appendectomy."

Casper, Wyo. (AFPS)—L. D. Mudge bravely entered a police station to bail out a pal. He was juggled as an escaped prisoner when a cop saw through his set of false whiskers.

Portland, Oreg. (AFPS)—Mrs. Vern Edwards, knocked down by a holdup man, questioned him sympathetically about his motives as she sat on the curb rubbing her bruises. Result: the thug courteously helped her to rise, hunted and found her lost earring, kissed her on the cheek and ran off, clutching 50 cents Mrs. Edwards had given him.

St. Paul (AFPS)—Frank Meyers, who as a successful horse trader has banked more than \$250,000, gave his reason for becoming a cab driver at 62: "I like to meet people and hear their troubles."

Los Angeles (AFPS)—E. G. Reel was indignant at the stupidity of thieves who broke into his office and unsuccessfully tried to jimmy his safe—in spite of a sign on it giving the combination and an assurance that there was no money inside.

Brooklyn (AFPS)—Three police cars rushed through the streets on a tip that a woman was "yelling for help," found a perspiring man changing an auto tire—with his voluble wife trumpeting advice.

Boonville, Mo. (AFPS)—Mayor S. L. Jewett, who parked his shiny, new car at a ball game, finally gave up after one foul ball hit it where he first parked it, another hit it where he next moved it, a third hit it where he moved it again!

to Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan, where he remained until October, 1945.

Colonel Smith served at Nagoya and at Kyoto, and was then transferred to Tokyo as surgeon at general headquarters of General MacArthur's Far East Command. He was there for a year, and his wife, Adrienne, and their two daughters, Dienne and Gwynne, joined him in Tokyo.

Shortly after his return to the States in July of this year, Colonel Smith received his present assignment at Letterman.

Medical Corps Outlines New Program for ROTC

The Army Medical Department Plan for peacetime operations requires that Medical Corps ROTC units be established and operated at sixty-six medical schools which are approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association. It is contemplated that these units should obtain a total enrollment of approximately 8000 students for all four classes and that they should be able to produce approximately 2000 first lieutenants for the Medical Reserve Corps, beginning with the end of the academic year 1949-50.

During the past year such units were in operation in twenty schools which participated in the program prior to World War II. Since the units were just getting under way again, the total enrollment was only 481 students in the classes. No senior medical ROTC students were graduated, hence none were tendered reserve commissions. However, this is considered to be a good beginning.

Units will be organized at twenty-three new schools for the academic year 1947-48, thus brining the number of medical units up to forty-three. The remainder of the sixty-six schools will be contacted in the near future for the purpose of arranging for the activation of units for the year 1948-49. This is an ambitious program. However, it is thoroughly in keeping with the personnel requirements for medical corps officers in all of the various components of the Medical Department.

The course of instruction has been revised in keeping with the recommendations of the medical colleges and the experience of the medical service. It is designed to give the student progressive knowledge of the Army in general and the Medical Department in detail, together with familiarization with the many complex problems of military preventive medicine. Upon satisfactory completion of the academic and ROTC curriculum and the six weeks summer training period, the young reserve first lieutenant should be capable of taking care of himself in the Army and performing the functions of a general duty medical officer in positions which do not require leadership. Should he, if on active duty, be assigned to a troop unit, he must be given further training.

Beauty to Select Beauty



Candy Jones, Cover Queen

(AFPS)—When young Jessie Wilcox became Miss Atlantic City of 1941, she had dreams of becoming a model. Early failures in seemingly disinterested New York City dimmed those hopes, and there was a time when Jessie Wilcox would have laughed at someone who predicted that she would one day virtually lead the modeling field.

The gorgeous blond, once disheartened by the realization that a girl just doesn't take the modeling world by storm, is now known far and wide as Candy Jones. Beloved by thousands of soldiers whose barracks walls her pictures graced, and admired by countless magazine readers everywhere, Miss Jones is a famed model and cover girl, and also has appeared in the movies and with USO overseas camp shows.

Her new name, and much of her success, is due to the imagination of Harry Conover, who brought Candy to the limelight when other agencies were ignoring the blue-eyed beauty. Harry became Candy's business boss, and later her lifetime partner via marriage.

Both Candy Jones and Harry Conover are members of the board of judges in the All-

Armed Forces Girl contest sponsored by Armed Forces Press Service. Along with radio star Arthur Godfrey and artist Russell Patterson, they will determine which of the many individual camp winners will become the All-Armed Forces Girl of the year and receive the many opportunities which accompany the honor.

Air Force May Kill Present EM Ratings

Washington (AFPS)—According to tentative plans, the present rating system of non-commissioned officers will be abolished in the Air Force by 1949, a national wire service (UP) has reported. Air Force officials desire to remove all grades of private, corporal and sergeant.

Under the proposed system, which shall have to be approved by Congress, there will be three grades for enlisted men and officers: airmen, senior airmen and chief airmen. Airmen's pay would range from \$75 a month to \$135, but their authority would be the same as that of the Army private. Pay variations would depend on technical skills.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

The Veterans Administration recently compiled the 10 questions most frequently asked by World War II veterans about business loans. The questions and answers are:

Question: How does a veteran go about getting a loan for business purposes?

Answer: As in the case of home loans, he first must find a bank or other private lender willing to advance him the money.

Question: How much of a business loan made by a lender will VA guaranty?

Answer: VA will guaranty 50 per cent of the loan up to a maximum of \$4,000 if the loan is for the purchase of business real property, and up to 2,000 for non-real estate business loans, such as for working capital.

Question: Can the veteran get a guaranteed loan for any type of business?

Answer: If the lender is willing, the loan may be used for any legitimate business purpose.

Q. Is there any limit to the duration of a business loan?

A. Non-real estate business loans are repayable in 10 years or less; real estate loans may run up to 25 years.

Q. Can a veteran enter into business with non-veterans and obtain a guaranteed loan?

A. Yes, provided the interest of the veteran is properly protected, but the guarantee must be limited to the veteran's portion of the business.

Q. Doesn't the veteran also get a guaranty payment of some kind?

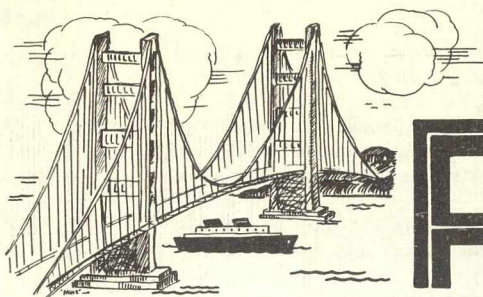
A. Yes. VA pays the lender, for credit to the veteran's loan, an amount equal to 4 per cent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. For example, if the guaranteed portion is \$3,000, the lender will receive \$120 from VA to credit to the debt of the veteran.

Q. What interest rates are lenders permitted to charge on business loans?

A. In most cases, 4 per cent is the maximum. However, the interest rate may be slightly higher for certain types of insured business loans.

Q. Does a veteran have to operate the business himself?

A. Yes, the veteran must devote his personal labor or supervision to the enterprise, or to the practice of a profession, on a full or part-time basis.



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Veterans Periodic Earnings Reports No Longer Required

Veterans studying full time in colleges and universities under the GI Bill will no longer have to make periodic reports of earnings, Veterans Administration announced this week.

The new plan is part of VA's program to streamline procedures for paying subsistence allowances to these veterans. It is designed to save considerable time and money by eliminating the need for processing more than 2,500,000 report forms during the coming school year.

VA adopted the new policy after a survey showed that not more than one per cent of the veterans in full time college training reported any difference between their estimated earnings and actual income during a school year.

Veterans entering full time training in institutions of higher learning under the GI Bill this fall will estimate their earnings from productive labor for the full period of their enrollment when they register. The amount of their subsistence allowances will be based on these estimates.

The rate of payment will be authorized for the full enrollment period certified to VA by the institutions and will remain unchanged unless subsequent evidence justifies an adjustment.

VA will require no further report of earnings except in those cases where it is indicated that the veterans' earned income is in excess of their estimates.

Previously, veterans estimated their earnings when they enrolled. They then were required to report their actual earnings once each semester for that period. These reports were checked against the



COLONEL WINN WELCOMES CONSULTANTS
The Commanding Officer greets the civilian consultants who spent this week conducting an appraisal of the LGH residency and intern program. L. to R.: Dr. Frank B. Berry, Surgery; Colonel Winn; Dr. Yale Kneeland, Internal Medicine; Dr. Alfred O. Ludwig, Neuropsychiatry.

amount of subsistence authorized to determine if the combined earnings and subsistence were within the limits prescribed by Public Law 679 of \$175 a month for veterans without dependents and \$200 for veterans with one or more dependents.

The new policy applies only to veterans in full time courses in institutions of higher learning, which include colleges, universities, pro-

fessional or technological schools, teachers colleges, normal schools and junior colleges.

Veterans enrolled in full time or part time courses in institutions not on a term or semester basis, but which permit students to complete the prescribed courses when they can, will continue to report their earnings in the same manner as they have in the past.

Consultant Team From SGO Appraises Letterman Program

Three civilian consultants representing the Office of The Surgeon General were at Letterman this week for the purpose of appraising the residency and intern program here. Each member of the team of three is actively engaged in graduate professional training, and each is a specialist in his field. All are members of The Society of the United States Medical Consultants of World War II.

The three consultants who served on the team are: Dr. Yale Kneeland, Internal Medicine, assistant professor of Medicine at Columbia University, New York; Dr. Frank B. Berry, Surgery, clinical professor of Surgery at Columbia, and Dr. Alfred O. Ludwig, Neuropsychiatry, member of the staff of Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.

During their stay at Letterman the consultants observed the professional services, took part in the regular program of the hospital, and were asked for advice and recommendations concerning the professional care of patients as well as the operation of the teaching program for residents and interns.

On Wednesday evening each consultant addressed a sectional meeting attended by medical and dental officers of the hospitals. There was a General Surgery Section, a Medical Section and a Neuropsychiatric Section. Special problems were presented and the residency and intern program was discussed.

On Thursday the consultants participated in a special meeting of the hospital Education Committee.

Following the sectional meetings there was a social hour at the Letterman Officers' Club, at which the visiting consultants met with both the members of the staff and the regular consultants.

LETTERMAN SAYS GOODBYE TO FOUR MORE OFFICERS

This week saw the departure of four officers from Letterman. Two of the four returned to civilian life, one left for overseas assignment, and one went to another post.

Lieut. Col. Walter H. Matuska, MC, is busy preparing to leave for Fort Benning, Georgia, where he



WALTER H. MATUSKA
Lieut. Col., MC

will be Chief of the Surgical Service. Colonel Matuska has been assistant Chief of Surgical Service here since August 1945. Before he begins his duties at Fort Benning he will attend a 10-day fracture course sponsored by Harvard Medical School at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Colonel Matuska is a native of Randolph, Nebraska, grew up in Pittsburg, Kansas, and attended Medical School at Washington University's School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri. After receiving his medical degree, he was associated with a surgeon in Ohio for several years. Upon graduation from medical school he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, and came to active duty with the Army in April 1941.

He was Chief of the Surgical Service at Fort Knox, Kentucky, at the station hospital, until he went overseas in May 1943. His two years overseas duty was in Naples, Italy, where he was in charge of the Surgical Service of the 118th Station Hospital. After his return from Italy in 1945 he came to Letterman. Last July he received his commission in the Regular Army.

Major Eleanor Hamilton, MC, one of the Army's few women physicians, is completing plans for return to private practice. At Letterman, as on other Army assignments, she

found herself the only woman doctor on the staff. She has been here since July, 1946.

Major Hamilton received her M. D. from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and practiced for a time in New York, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, but found that her pioneering streak wasn't getting a workout in urban surroundings, so she bought some land in the Kentucky hills and started a clinic.

The clinic became a social service center as well as a medical center for the communities in the area. Major Hamilton went to Kentucky with \$2,000, and when the building for the clinic was com-



ELEANOR HAMILTON
Major, MC

pleted, there was about \$2 left. She and the two girls she trained as assistants raised most of their own food, and the patients often paid for medical services with a sack of potatoes or a pig. Any money they received went for drugs and for gas for the car.

In 1944 she entered the Army, leaving her assistants to carry on the work of the clinic. Since then she has been assigned to Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.; Camp White, Ore.; and Camp Lockett Convalescent Hospital near San Diego, before coming to LGH.

It is near San Diego that she plans to begin private practice in the near future. "I'm going to be a country practitioner again," she says. She also has plans for another pioneering project for the future. She intends to homestead land in California, and have a vacation retreat and rehabilitation center for business and professional women.

She is leaving this week for Kentucky, to arrange for shipment of her library of 2,000 books which she left there when she came into the Army, and she will also take a vacation before starting her new work.

"I picked a place where I'm only an hour from the ocean, and an hour from the mountains," she says. "On my way to and from calls I'll have time for deliberation and meditation." As she puts it, you have to plan in advance, or you never have time to get your thinking done.

Captain Aaron E. Koblentz, MC, is also returning to private practice now that he is leaving the Army, but he has not yet decided just where it will be. He expects to make up his mind during the month's vacation that he and his wife Lee and their 18-month-old son Danny are planning to enjoy in California.

Captain Koblentz is a native of Albany, New York, and received his degree from the City College of New York, where he specialized in psychiatric work. He interned at Unity Hospital in New York City,



AARON E. KOBLENTZ
Captain, MC

and was resident physician with the Medical Mission of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Boston before he was in the Army.

He entered the Army in October 1944 and went first to Carlisle Barracks, Pa., then had a course in military neuropsychiatric work at the Psychiatric Institute, Columbia University, N. Y.

All his Army assignments have been in California. He was at DeWitt General Hospital in Auburn and at Oakland Regional Hospital in Oak-

land before coming to Letterman in February 1946.

After his projected California vacation, during which he plans to visit Yosemite and Carmel, Captain Koblentz and his family will return home to Albany, but he says they may come back to California.

Captain Alice Dahnke, WAC, has left Letterman for an overseas assignment in Germany, where it is possible, but not probable, that she will have as many and varied duties as she performed here at LGH. Shortly after her arrival in June 1946 the hospital order assigning her duties devoted paragraphs 4 to 11 inclusive to listing what they are. The principal duty of administrative assistant to the Chief of Medical Service was accompanied by enough "additional duties" to fill the rest of the page.

The captain, who is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, joined the Army in February 1943 and took basic training and OCS at Fort Des Moines. She then became an instructor in basic training and the next two years were spent in that capacity at Daytona Beach and Fort Oglethorpe. Her next assignment was as company commander for a company of 185 Puerto Rican WACs. Before coming to LGH she was at Crile General Hospital for a time.

Captain Dahnke, in spite of those myriad duties, found time to star on the Letterman WAC softball team and on the basketball team as well.

There is no doubt in the minds of those who knew her here that she



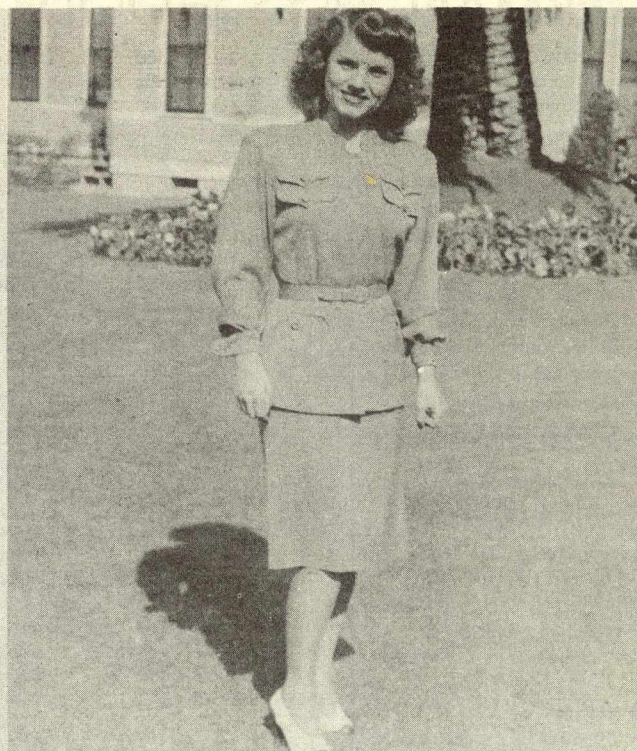
ALICE DAHNKE
Captain, WAC

will make a name for herself in sports as well as in the able performance of her duties in her new station overseas.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



SAID GOODBYE TO LETTERMAN
Captain Gage Rodman, Infantry, who until last week was a patient on ward M-1, left Letterman last week for his home in Los Angeles.



SHE HANDS OUT THE MONEY
In the Detachment of Patients office--Mrs. Dorothy Beach, whose name appropriately rhymes with "peach."



CAROLINE SNOWDEN
Sings for the patients on ward E-1.



HOWARD EASTWOOD
Well known at LGH for his versatility on the piano, rates an interested gallery when he entertains on the wards.

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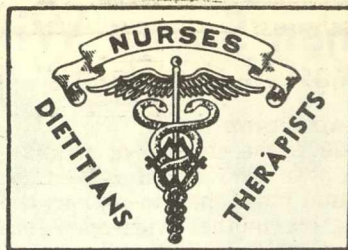
IS IT NECESSARY?

When you're about to spend money it's not a bad idea to apply the "acid test" method before spending. It's simple. You just ask yourself whether the projected expenditure passes the test of "Is it absolutely necessary?" It's surprising how often you will find that what seemed important to obtain immediately is far from necessary.

Veterans who apply this test before they cash their terminal leave bonds will probably in the majority of cases, if they are honest with themselves about the definition of "necessity," decide to keep the bonds.

It was pointed out recently by President Truman that "it is to the veterans' best interest to keep their bonds if they do not absolutely need to cash them now. Several hundred million new dollars poured into the spending stream would exert a strong upward pressure on prices. But if veterans choose the wise course, hold their bonds and continue to draw two and one-half per cent interest, their dollars will buy more when they cash their bonds after inflationary conditions have eased."

If the bonds are held for five years they will be earning that two and one-half per cent, so there will be more dollars to spend, and as the President states, those dollars will buy more.



Captain Vida Buehler, Chief of Physical Therapy, was welcomed back from Madigan General Hospital this week, where she had been assigned on temporary duty for two months, serving on the screening board for Regular Army integration of Physical Therapists.

Captain Wilma Sandberg, ANC, returned to duty this week after a three-week leave spent with her family in Bellingham, Washington. Among the things that made it fun to be on leave was the 15-pound salmon she caught, and no, she didn't have it stuffed, she helped eat it. She stopped in Seattle for a reunion with seven other nurses who served in her outfit overseas, and she was the only one who hadn't reconverted to civilian life.

First Lieut. Helen Olson, ANC, will be going on leave soon, and plans to be married while on leave. The name of the lucky man is Raymond Lowery.

First Lieut. Dorothy Johnson of Physical Therapy was separated from the service this week, and is going home to Michigan for a vacation.

Two civilian nurses were welcomed to Letterman recently—Miss Elfrieda Am End, who is from Minnesota, and Mrs. Elizabeth Neuen-dorf, from Pennsylvania.

The dance at the Nurses' Recreation Hall last Saturday was a big success, and everyone particularly enjoyed the music of Eddie Harkness and his orchestra.

First Lieut. Gladys Anderson, ANC, has been transferred to Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

First Lieut. Helen Beck, ANC, takes off next Monday on a 10-day leave, and will vacation in Los Angeles.

Wearing a sparkling new diamond, 1st Lieut. Lorraine Odbierzychleb, ANC, announced her engagement to Jean Vives, who is with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company here in San Francisco. The wedding is set for November 8, and the happy couple have already located an apartment. The way you do this is to have your fiancée's parents own the building. Then it's a simple matter to get an apartment.

WAC

Becky Monroy, a former Letterman WAC who worked on K-2, and who is now a civilian, visited the gals in barracks 213 last week. She was here visiting from Los Angeles.

Another former Letterman WAC, Malta Benge, now Mrs. Coates, is attending San Francisco University.

T/4 Mildred Steck is back in the WAC fold again. She can be found working in OPS and bunking in 213.

Which brings to mind the fact that former WACs who have certain needed skills have until 30 September to re-enlist in the grade held at time of discharge. Among the military skills on the critical list are: laboratory, medical and X-ray technicians; cooks, stenographers and clerk-typists. Applicants for re-entry must volunteer for the duration of the WAC (AUS), or 12 months, whichever is shorter, and must be between 20 and 50 years of age. The re-enlistment program will be closed at the end of September in anticipation of the termination of the WAC in the AUS next July and its integration into the Regular Army under provisions of pending legislation.

A future "300" league bowler in the detachment is T/5 Sheila Daugherty. She can be found almost every night at one of the local bowling alleys aiming for the perfect score.

For the next 30 days the address of T/3 Ginny Hill will be Richland Center, Wisconsin, where she is enjoying a furlough.

S/Sgt. Ethel Lee is on the sick list and for the next few days will be a patient on ward G-1.

Over the week-end T/4 Carolyn Fix, T/4 Henrietta Callari and Sgt. Dorothy Gustafson were busy with bows and arrows. Archery or playing cupid, gals?

Glad news! The vacuum cleaner in the Dayroom is in working condition again.

It seems that T/4 Bess Jeffries of 213 and Phil of 213X are interested in the Friendly Neighbor policy, and since they're both redheads they ought to agree about just about everything, no?

(Editor's note: Thanks to T/3 Lee Witkowski for the above column. Lee has taken over now that Dorcas Rosenfeld has left for civilian life.)

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 14 September, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Patients Invited To Jewish High Holy Day Worship

Every service man and woman and hospitalized veteran of Jewish faith is invited to worship with the congregation of his choice in the San Francisco Bay Area during the coming High Holy Days. Each synagogue, orthodox, conservative, and reform, is reserving a limited number of places for men in uniform and hospitalized veterans and families are ready to invite them to their homes for a festival meal. In addition, the Emanu-El Residence, 300 Page Street, San Francisco, invites service men to evening dinners during the Holy Days.

Religious leaves are authorized in general for both the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashana) which begins this year on Sunday evening, September 14, and lasts until Tuesday evening, September 16, and for the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) which begins on Tuesday evening, September 23, and lasts until Wednesday evening, September 24. Men of Jewish faith may apply for religious leave either to their commanding officer or through the post chaplain.

Those who wish reservations at synagogues, private hospitality, or the Emanu-El Residence should write as soon as possible to the USO-JWB, 26 O'Farrell Street, or to the Jewish Welfare Board, 25 Taylor Street, so that all arrangements may be made for them.

A plan is on foot to visit every hospital patient who can not come to services, with a New Year gift and the greetings of the season.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARTHA R. SHORTLE
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 Martha Shortle is now working on her second tour of duty at Letterman, and she says she's glad of it. She came here first in July 1945, shortly before V-J Day, and remained until August 1946, when she received her discharge. She worked on a number of different wards during that time. Then after several months as a civilian, she re-enlisted in the WAC in April of this year, and once more was assigned to Letterman. "And it was just like coming home," she says.

Though she's from Missouri, and made her home there in her home town of Fortescue for most of her life, Martha had to come to California to join the WAC. That is, she didn't have to, but that's the way it happened. She was sworn in at Sacramento, and went to Des Moines for her basis training. She had medical technicians' training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and her first duty station was Woodrow Wilson General Hospital at Staunton, Virginia. A month later she came to Letterman.

Since she came back this second time she has been assigned to Ward S-1, and says she finds her work with the patients there most interesting. "I like anything constructive," she says, and "I feel I'm doing something constructive now." She has signed up to stay in the WAC for the duration plus six months, and though she's still undecided, thinks she might want to remain a WAC if they become a part of the Regular Army.

She has a wide variety of leisure time likes, including dancing, pin-ochle, watching wrestling matches, movies, crocheting, knitting, and leatherwork.

Football Preview: Southwest

Rice, SMU, Texas, Arkansas Rated Threats

By SGT. DAVE MARKSON

In the Southwest, razzle-dazzle is the essence of football, and power is an anathema. The boys who would rather use their skulls to design thrill-a-minute plays than to replace the automobile bumper are preparing for another wide-open season. They are doing so with the vigorous abandon characteristic of whip-armed pass-and-pray boys of a decade ago like Sam Baugh and Davey O'Brien and of thread-needle scat backs like Bobby Wilson and Dick Todd.

Publicity drum beaters are saying that the Cotton Bowl may be filled with Rice; that the Mustangs, the Longhorns and the Razorbacks will be chasing the Owls all over the plains; and that any one of the four beasts may become sovereign of the jungle.

Our erudite code expert decipherers all this to mean that Rice, Texas, Arkansas and Southern Methodist give the Big Seven not one, two, or three, but four potential champions.

Jess Neely's prime endeavor is to make Rice the favorite dish on a menu which includes not only the best cuisine in the section, but a few *a la carte* items like USC and LSU as well. Jess has an experienced kitchen staff of 26 monogram winners to assist him. Weldon Humble, All-America guard, is now dining with the Cleveland professionals, but Neely has linemen John McGee, Wendell Williams and Henry Armstrong in his main course, and backs Hugh Keeney, Buddy Russ, Ike Eikenberg and Don Anderson for dessert. And headwaiter "Gorgeous" George Walmsley, formerly at the Waldorf (Annapolis), will handle special patrons.

An antelope from Smackover who once romped in Navy's backfield is back for a second straight session at Arkansas. Clyde Scott is his name and terrific football is his game. Built around this crack defensive tailback, who picks 'em up and lays 'em down with the same ardor that he lugs the leather, the Razorbacks foresee arrogant despotism—their own—in the cow country. John Barnhill's 29 lettermen and Scott intend a reign of terror in the Southwest.

Anything with a head, how-

ever, may be beheaded, and the passing arm of Bobby Layne may be just the weapon to scuttle Navy-trained Scott and Humbleless Rice. Jackie Crain in a broken field, Roy McKay hitting the left side, Pete Layden back to throw, Spec Sanders circling the flank—these, and many more quite recent Longhorn heroes, when rolled into one neat blond package, inadequately describe Robert Lawrence Layne. This, if you lend an ear to Texas enthusiasts.

Mentor Blair Cherry has a questionable line and backs Ray Jones, By Gilroy and Jim Canaday to fulfill the rule book stipulation which necessitates eleven men taking the field, but all the cash is banked in Layne's account. If this four-year regular isn't "player of the year" this autumn, Texans will stop reading the All-Americans. And if he can't make the Longhorns stampede, they feel that no one can.

Southern Methodist, too, is putting all its eggs in the proverbial one basket. Counting their chickens before they hatch, the Mustangs are going to market with their one price hen, a prolific producer called Doak Walker. Walker is supposed to do everything with a football but fry, scramble or poach it, and therefore, Mr. D. W. is the foundation of SMU's castles in the air. And Doak is no yoke.

If a balanced team means a winning team, Rice will back up the carpeted steps to the Big Seven throne. But if one man can do the job of eleven (and it's been done before), it will merely be a matter of who is best—Scott, Layne or Walker. There are but two certainties. One is that Texas Christian, Texas A. and M. and Baylor will be but soft spots in the schedule of the big four. The other is that the best seats, all season long, will be on the 50 yard line.

ON THE SPOT



DORCAS ROSENFELD
Technician Third Grade

T/3 Dorcas Rosenfeld, who until this week was head of the Ceramics Section of the recreational Occupational Therapy Shop, left Letterman this week to return to civilian life.

She is returning to the teaching field, and will teach at Danville, near Walnut Creek. She and Thunder Puddle, her faithful car, have moved to a little house in Danville, and this week she is busy preparing to begin the school year. Dorcas is from Tucson, Arizona, and has her B. A. degree from the University of Arizona and her M. A. from the University of Michigan. Before she entered the Army in 1943 she taught in Arizona schools for six years.

She intends to go on working at painting and sculpture, and on Sundays will teach a class in ceramics at Temple Emanu-El here in San Francisco. She is modeling a head of Rabbi Irving Reichert which is to be cast in bronze, and is also working on a ceramic figure of Saint Cecilia. Recently she modeled a figure of Saint Francis of Assisi. One of the last pieces of work she did while at LGH was a ceramic model of Jerry, the Fog Horn mascot. In the few days she has been at Danville, she has already completed a landscape in oils.

Her many friends at Letterman said a reluctant good-bye to Dorcas on Monday. Members of both Occupational Therapy Shops gave her a farewell party and presented her with a gift, and the WACs in her barracks gave her a set of pastel pottery dishes. With her in her civilian life go the best wishes of her friends for much success and a happy future.

Smarm Aleck: "How much are your \$6 shoes?"

Alert Clerk: "Three dollars a foot."

Santa on Stampa for Centa & Halfa?

(AFPS)—Santa Claus may take over Thomas Jefferson's niche this winter, according to "seriously contemplated" plans of the Post Office Department.

If there is a Santa Claus stamp, the old man himself will of course be the central design. He will be aided and abetted by a very Christmasy red ink, and will appear for sale at Santa Claus, Indiana, before he extends himself nationwide.

Some department officials have hinted that all this whimsy has its practical side as well. People who have been mailing their Christmas cards third class for a cent and a half are expected to think twice before turning down a cheerful portrait of Santa which will come only in the three-cent size.

Men in the armed forces will still be allowed to write "free" in the upper right hand corner. If they wish to draw a little wreath around it, the Post Office probably won't mind.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Chris Gannon of the Machine Shop can only talk about the fish he didn't get when he and his family vacationed for a week in Trinity County. He says steelhead and salmon were plentiful, but too smart. They just wouldn't nibble.

Applications are now being taken for a new group of employees who wish to take advantage of the California Physicians Service health insurance plan. This plan is open only to civilians, and applications should be submitted before 1 October. Mrs. Zita Kelly, Room 213, Administration Building, has all the information on CPS and also the application blanks.

Civilians, detachment members and even some former Lettermanites enjoyed a picnic one evening last week at China Beach. The group had a good time and consumed a lot of refreshments—both solid and liquid—making away with six chickens, several homemade cakes and a not inconsiderable quantity of beer. The former Lettermanites who went were Ruth and Bob Eckenroad and John Schutz, and the others present were Jean Peetz, Betty Bennett, "Bene" Beneditz, Harvey Kasofsky, Stanley Ackerman, "Red" Steinhoff and A. Craig.

Rebecca Garcia of the Chaplain's office, who is currently enjoying a three-week leave, is at present in Denver. She and her husband are having their first long-distance trip in their new car. They stopped in Salt Lake City on their way to their home town, Denver, and may go on to New Mexico before they return. Becky reports, via card, that they saw coyotes between Reno and Elko, Nevada. If these coyotes were hitchhiking, they're still waiting for a ride, as far as the Garcias are concerned.

The Pathology Lab has a new recruit, who is as idle as the day is long. Her name is Cleo, short for Cleopatra, she is a gray-and-white kitten, and at present she divides her time impartially between the desks of the various personnel. However, this impartiality won't last, because Stella Jackson brings her cream (yes, cream!) and chicken. Says Cleo looks skinny. But how's the cat going to learn about inflation and the high cost of living?

An apartment is a place where you start to turn off the radio and find you are listening to the neighbor's.

VERSATILE HELEN SPECIALIZES IN SPECIAL SERVICES, PLUS EXTRAS



Mrs. HELEN HOFFMAN
She does the drawings

That picture you see above—and of course you gave more than a second look—is the picture of Helen Hoffman, the girl who's responsible for the tricky drawings that appear on the amusement schedules of Special Services activities. And this week the Fog Horn thanks her for drawing the heading for the Hospital Train Section column, "Sidings and Tidings."

The extra happy look she's wearing may be because of the gala celebration she and her husband enjoyed last Friday, September 5, their second wedding anniversary. Her husband is Charles Hoffman, who is an engineer with Pan-American Airways. On the anniversary evening the Hoffmans enjoyed themselves at the Starlight Roof at the Sir Francis Drake, danced at the Claremont in Berkeley, and had dinner at Trader Vic's in Oakland. Next week they begin a three-week vacation in Seattle.

Helen was born in Youngstown, Ohio, but nine months later became a resident of Burlingame, California, so naturally she is a staunch Californian. Before she came to Letterman she worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and later was with radio station KGO, where she was secretary for Ann Holden

and also did secretarial work for the publicity department.

She came to Letterman in April 1945 and worked in Occupational Therapy for several months, then transferred to Convalescent Services Division (then Reconditioning). Most of her work now is with Special Services. Helen specialized in art at Mills College, and particularly enjoys the part of her job which calls for turning out posters and drawings.

She likes ceramics and leatherwork, and weaving. She has her own loom and has made some table mats, but says she wants to learn a lot more about it before she considers herself good at it. She likes to sew, and is one of those fortunate people who can make her own clothes. She says she is "beginning to like to cook," and you can tell she means it, because she likes to experiment with recipes for such exotic dishes as borscht and tacos.

Helen and her husband are making plans for the home they intend to build one of these days. They want a lot of land, a patio, room for fruit trees and vegetables, a workshop for Charles and a sewing room for Helen, "but we haven't thought much about the rest of the house," she says.



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. J John Hallyburton, a boy, **John Cammp, Jr.**, born 1 September.

To T/4 and Mrs. W Wiley Ward Boroughs, a girl, **Dononna Louise**, weight 5 pounds and 1 15 ounces, born 2 September.

To Lieut. Col. and 1 Mrs. Loyal Nerdhal, a boy, **Normanan Halliday**, weight 8 pounds, born 2 2 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Sanamuel Steele, a girl, **Jeannie Louise**, e, weight 5 pounds and 15 ounces, b born 3 September.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Thohomas Clarkson, a boy, **Marcus Thommas**, weight 8 pounds and 2 ounces, b born 4 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. HeHenry Lewis, a boy, **Forrest Palmer**, r, weight 7 pounds and 13 ounces, b born 5 September.

Decoration

When General Mark : W. Clark, Sixth Army Commander, presented awards recently in a ceremony held at the Presidio parade grounds, Master Sergeant James : N. Malone of Letterman received the Army Commendation Ribbon, MM/Sgt. Malone, who has been at Letterman since April, is at present in charge of the officers' ward, C-551, at Crissy Annex.

The citation accompanying the Army Commendation Ribbon stated that M/Sgt. Malone "performed meritorious service as Chief of Map and Presentation Section, in connection with the Joint Chiefs of Staff Organization, from March 1946 to March 1947. In an outstanding manner and with distinction he maintained the highest standards of map presentation and service in connection with the work of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee. By working long hours and by his knowledge, skill, persistency and ingenuity, Sergeant Malone maintained an exceptionally high standard of map preparation and service in the face of great multiplicity and variety of demands made on him."

Joe: "Well, I must goo home and explain things to my wife."

Bud: "What things?"

Joe: "How do I know?"

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Members of the Headquarters, Hospital Train Section, are virtually all back at this station after transporting to General and Veterans Administration Hospitals across the country the three hundred odd patients who arrived here on the hospital ship Hope recently. It looks like just a breathing spell for the train-riding personnel, as another hospital ship is expected in the near future.

Also awaiting the next group of patients are the four officers and eight enlisted men of the organization's Camp Kilmer Detachment who arrived here last week.

Major Rex R. Huey, Executive Officer of the Train Unit, has returned to duty here after several weeks TDY at Camp Kilmer, where he arranged details of the recent consolidation of hospital train activities.

Among the members of the enlisted section at home on delay en route are T/5 Harold Carey, company clerk; Cpl. Bill Warden of Evacuation's litter team, T/Sgt. James Mitchell, duty sergeant and T/Sgt. Jim Kane, yardmaster at Crissy Field.

Seen around Area B last week were:

S/Sgt. John Mack, packing a suitcase in expectation of a furlough.

T/4 Wiley Burroughs, passing out cigars as he became the proud papa of a bouncing baby daughter.

First Sgt. Don Dicks and M/Sgt. Marshall Lindquist, wondering what happened to the furniture for their quarters across the bay at Forts Barry and Cronkhite.

Recent arrivals at the enlisted section are S/Sgt. K. W. Dougherty from Letterman's Officers Personnel Section, and S/Sgt. Leland Goodwin, who is taking over as duty sergeant at Crissy Annex.

Starting terminal leave last week were Sgt. William Barrow of the Mess Procurement Office and Cpl. Wiley Wright.

Special Course

Colonel Oral B. Bolibaugh, MC, Chief of Orthopedic Section, left this week for Boston, where he will take a special Fracture course at Massachusetts General Hospital. The course is sponsored by Harvard Medical School.

NEW JEWISH RABBI AT LETTERMAN WAS FORMERLY AN ARMY CHAPLAIN



Rabbi SEYMOUR STERN
Auxiliary Jewish Chaplain, LGH

Rabbi Seymour Stern, who came to Letterman in July to serve as auxiliary Jewish chaplain, was an Army chaplain and served in Army hospitals overseas before his return to civilian life last March. He is with the Jewish Welfare Board, and here at LGH has assumed the duties formerly performed by Rabbi Emanuel Kumin, who is now in Honolulu.

Rabbi Stern is a native of New York City, and received his secular education at the City College of New York. He pursued his rabbinical studies at the Jewish Institute of Religion, New York City, was graduated in 1943, and was ordained that year.

The following two years he spent in Waltham, Massachusetts, where he was councilor at the Hillel Foundation of Middlesex University.

In 1945 he entered the Army, and went first to Chaplains School at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Upon completion of the course there, he was assigned to Newfoundland on temporary duty, to take care of Jewish activities during the High Holy Days. He says he found much to interest him there during his brief stay.

His next assignment was overseas duty in the European Theatre. He left the States in December 1945, and served in Belgium, and later in Germany, with the Third Army. He was first with the Office of Military Government in Munich, and later was Jewish Chaplain at the 116th General Hospital, Nuremberg.

During his overseas service, he was also attached for a time to headquarters, Continental Base Section, at Bad-Nauheim, and to the 121st General Hospital at Bremerhaven.

He returned home in January, 1947, and after receiving his discharge from the Army in March, he joined the Jewish Welfare Board, and came to San Francisco to take charge of religious activities of the board in the Bay Area, where he serves Army, Navy, and Veterans Administration hospitals as Jewish chaplain.

Rabbi Stern's Hebrew name is Sholem, which is commonly translated as "peace." He is keenly interested in his work, and says that he has no hobbies or special pastimes, because his work is his hobby.

Five Receive Diplomas as N-P Technicians

Diplomas were presented last week to five enlisted personnel here from Brooke Army Medical Center who have completed an eight-week course leading to their qualification as Neuropsychiatric Technicians.

First Lieut. Andrew M. Flom presented the diplomas to Sgt. Leonard T. Centek, T/4 Dean A. Honeyager, Pfc. Elias Y. Balensuela, Pfc. Luke T. Conklin and Pvt. Paul W. Stoner. T/4 Honeyager was ordered to overseas duty in the European Command. Pfc. Balensuela and Pvt. Stoner left for duty at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, and Sgt. Centek and Pfc. Conklin will remain at Letterman.

Four Report for Two-Week -Duty

Four Reserve Corps officers reported here for their two-week annual period of active duty this week. They have been assigned as follows:

Colonel John R. Bennett, to Dental Service; Major Sydney Cohen, to Medical Service; Major Edward R. Dressler, to Registrar; Captain Jerome Fisher, to Neuropsychiatric Service.

All-Armed Forces Girl Contest Will Close October 31

(AFPS) — The All-Armed Forces Girl hunt is on!

Throughout the nation service publications are sponsoring individual contests to determine each camp's most beautiful girl—the one who will represent them in the statewide search sponsored by Armed Forces Press Service.

Camp newspapers are flooding into the AFPS offices in New York featuring releases on the national and individual post contests. Already one local winner's photos and measurements have been forwarded.

The October 31st deadline for receipt of entries requires immediate action at all posts. If you have not entered your favorite service-employed lovely in your local contest, the time to do so is now.

Her rewards will be many—a free course in Fashion and Beauty Briefing, tryouts for modeling, television and the movies, national publicity, and much, much more. So make certain that you select a queen. Competition is to be very keen.

VA Works Up Statistics on The 21st Century

Almost as many World War II veterans will be alive at the turn of the 21st century as there are living veterans of World War I today, according to the latest Veterans Administration estimate.

VA computes that 3,400,000 War II veterans will be alive in the year 2000. The number of War I living veterans as of June 30, 1947, was 3,722,000.

However, although the average age of War I veterans now is approximately 54 years, the average age of the War II veterans expected to be living in the year 2000 will be slightly over 77 years.

The War II figures come from a projection that VA made to determine what its administrative and operating requirements for these veterans will be in the future.

The projection begins with the potential War II veteran population of 16,051,000 as of July 25, 1947, which includes those already released by the armed forces who are still living, and those yet to be released as veterans of World War II. The average age of this group on that date was 28.6 years.

The projection ends with the year 2030 when VA expects less than a thousand War II veterans to be alive, averaging 104 years of age.

In 1975, when VA expects to reach the peak of its medical care for War II veterans, approximately 12,700,000 of these veterans are expected to be living, averaging 57 years of age.

Sonny: "Mama, Papa wouldn't murder anybody, would he?"

Mother: "Gracious, no! What makes you ask that?"

Sonny: "Well, I heard him down in the basement just now saying 'Let's kill the other two, George.'"

"What do you mean?" roared the politician. You publicly insulted me in your old rag of a paper. I will not stand for it and I demand an immediate apology."

"Just a moment," answered the editor. "Didn't the news item appear exactly as you gave it to us; namely, that you have resigned as city treasurer?"

"It did, but where did you put it? In the column headed 'Public Improvements!'"

"America's Sweetheart"



International News Service

Disabled American Veterans, at their 26th annual convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, chose Miss Marjorie Lance of Taft, California, as "America's Sweetheart." She's a right purty girl, but is she as purty as the lass who'll represent your post in Armed Forces Press Service's contest for an All-Armed Forces Girl?

Too Much Bubble Leads to Trouble

(AFPS)—Chewers of bubble gum, the Federal Food and Drug Administration was notified, have occasionally suffered mild maladies of the sore mouth and headache variety. This information sent the research section out to buy seventeen assorted brands of gum which were then presented to some monkeys. The monkeys condescended to chew but refused to blow bubbles.

Federal employees and their offspring were recruited. Some of these blew bubbles till their heads ached. One pharmacology technician developed temporarily locked jaws. The tireless researchers had meanwhile fed pure, unadulterated paraffin to another set of jaws. These people suffered the same inconveniences.

The findings? Bubble gum was exonerated. It was the size of the wad and the violence of the chewing that had been causing the mischief.

Atlanta (AFPS)—The Atlanta Ordnance Depot had a sale of unclaimed surplus property. A swarm of bees that had set up shop in an abandoned packing case brought \$2.05.

Hawthorne, N.Y. (AFPS)—A 1937 Ford sedan hit and damaged the rear steps of a rear car on the New York Central line. Police sent out an alarm for a hit and run driver.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

September brings school days again for adults as well as for the youngsters. Starting Monday 15 September, San Francisco evening high schools begin the 1947 Fall term. These classes are a public service of the city school system and are, therefore, tuition free.

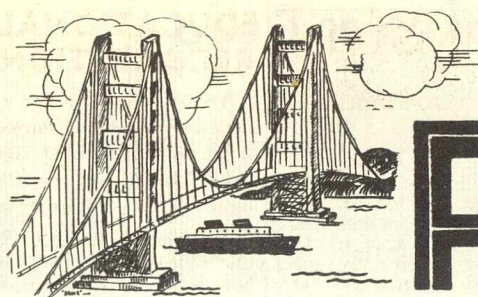
Closest to Letterman is Marina Junior High School, located at Fillmore and Chestnuts Streets (within walking distance if one enjoys a 20-30 minute hike). Galileo High School is at Van Ness and Bay, not too much farther from the Presidio. Both are on street car and bus lines. Evening classes are also conducted at Polytechnic High School and Roosevelt Junior High School.

Classes in subjects of interest to adults are scheduled at all four of these schools. Commercial courses include typing, shorthand, book-keeping and comptometer operating. In the field of art are classes in ceramics, art and painting, wood carving and block printing, advertising art and layout, dramatics, floral arrangement, interior decoration and leather craft. Music classes are scheduled in chorus, harmony and orchestra. Language classes in conversational French and Spanish and in Russian are also listed. Then, of course, there are the academic subjects such as English and mathematics. Women might be interested in the dressmaking and millinery or in the brief course in charm.

For amateur photographers an excellent course in Elementary Photography starts Monday, the 15th, at Galileo High School. This class meets twice a week for a two hour session and continues for 15 weeks. The twenty units of work covered should give students an exceptionally good background in that very popular hobby, since it covers the field quite completely.

For those who desire training in industrial fields Samuel Gompers Trade School is the place to go. Both day and evening classes are conducted. It's a school for adults who wish to learn the fundamentals of a trade, or to become more skilled in a trade they already know.

Educational Reconditioning Bldg. 1039, Ext. 4403, has information on all of these excellent Educational advantages offered by the San Francisco Public School system.



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Celebrate 171st Anniversary of Catholic Chapel

The 171st anniversary of the opening of the first Catholic chapel at the Presidio of San Francisco was observed Sunday, September 14, with a high mass in the Presidio's Chapel of Our Lady.

Celebrant of the Mass was Chaplain (Major) Thomas F. Corcoran, Assistant Sixth Army Chaplain, who was assisted by Father William J. Ryan, a retired colonel and former Chaplain at the Presidio.

Before a congregation which overflowed the venerable little structure, Father Ryan recalled how the chapel had once been condemned by the Army as unfit for occupancy, and how soldier and volunteer labor of devout Catholics in San Francisco had restored it.

The Chapel of Our Lady stands on the site of the Catholic chapel erected on the Presidio by the first Spanish colonists to settle there in 1776, year of American independence.

Old records show that on September 17, 1776, Father Palou and Father Thomas de la Pena conducted the first Mass in the Presidio chapel before the commandante, the Spanish garrison, colonists and Indian converts.

An account of the event says: "Officers entered the church singing the Te Deum. Bells rang. Volleys of pistols and muskets, and salvos of cannon were fired. The guns of the transport (San Carlos) in the harbor boomed response."

The original church was destroyed by an earthquake in 1812, and a new one was built. Subsequently, in 1873, after the "Bear Flag" revolt and California's entry into the Union, the present Chapel of Our Lady was built. Modeled after early New

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HILDEGARDE AND CANDY, TOO!

Pvt. Glennen C. Meeks of Avon Park, Florida, patient on ward E-2, almost forgot to eat the candy because he was chatting with Hildegard during her visit to Letterman this week. She entertained the patients on wards E-2, D-2 and S-1.

Hildegard Spends An Afternoon Entertaining Here

Hildegard came to Letterman this week saying she couldn't bear to leave San Francisco without coming to see the patients here. Her visit was originally scheduled for last week, but illness prevented it, so she stayed over for a day after her engagement at the Mark Hopkins ended, and spent the afternoon entertaining the patients on ward E-2, D-2 and S-1.

She brought boxes of Blum's candy with her, and gave some to each of the patients on the various wards she visited. "I can't sing because of my sore throat, but I can talk, and I can give away candy," she said. But before she left she was persuaded to sing one song. She accompanied herself on the piano, and sang her theme song, "Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup," and to that the patients responded with beaucoup applause.

Hildegard, who was billed as "the incomparable" during her engagement at the Mark, was her usual suave self, and looked charming in a black frock, Persian lamb coat and pale blue tulle and silver sequin hat. She apologized for chewing gum—"I hope no one will mind, it's just to lubricate the voice—voice, I call it," she quipped.

Marion Baldwin, patient on ward E-2, surprised Hildegard, and everyone else, when he refused to take any candy. She left some on his bedside table anyway, and later detected him eating it, which made her gleeful.

"This is harder than really doing a show," murmured Hildegard, "because I try to be funny, and I sound so un-funny." But that was just one woman's opinion. The applause proved that the audience didn't agree with it.

SURGEON GENERAL AT LGH THIS WEEK

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, the Surgeon General of the Army, was a Letterman visitor very briefly this week.

The general arrived from Washington on Thursday evening and left this morning for Honolulu. He is accompanying a delegation of members of the Armed Forces Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington on an inspection tour of medical facilities in the

Pacific Area. The trip will take the distinguished party as far as Tokyo and the itinerary calls for a return to Washington within six weeks.

Colonel Howard W. Doan, MC, Executive Officer in the office of the Surgeon General, is also making the trip.

During his stay at Letterman the Surgeon General was the house guest of Colonel and Mrs. Dean F. Winn.

Memorial Ceremony to Honor Return of War Dead

General Mark W. Clark, Commanding General, Sixth Army, has announced that the City of San Francisco will sponsor a memorial ceremony to be held on Marina Green on Friday, October 10, honoring the return to the United States of the first shipment of World War II dead from overseas cemeteries.

The first war dead will be brought to San Francisco aboard the U. S. Army Transport Honda Knot, the general said, and all armed services will cooperate with Mayor Roger D. Lapham in planning the ceremony to honor the funeral ship.

The first Pacific dead brought from temporary burial sites in the Hawaiian Islands are being returned on one of nine ships reconverted for their solemn mission in the repatriation program.

First step in the two year long program, which will involve the return to the United States of more than 228,000 remains from all theaters of war, was ascertaining whether or not families of the deceased wished the bodies returned. Letters of inquiry were directed to families whose war dead were buried in the first cemeteries evacuated. They were given options of burial in either private or a national cemetery in the United States or interment in a private or permanent U. S. military cemetery overseas.

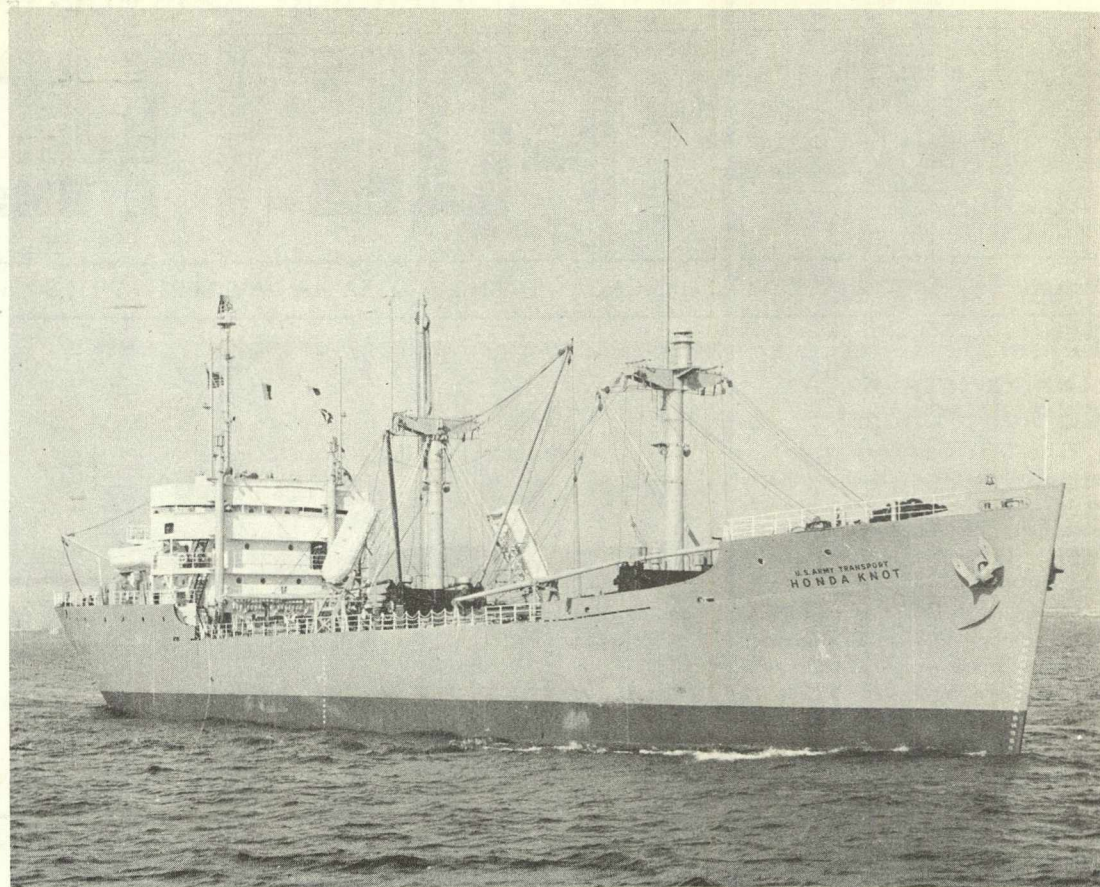
Of the first 75,000 inquiries sent out, more than 70 per cent of the families indicated a desire for return of the bodies to the United States.

Exhumation of the bodies at the temporary cemeteries overseas then started. Remains to be returned to the United States were re-examined for positive identification.

In the case of Pacific dead, upon arrival at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, immediately the next of kin are initially notified that the body has arrived in the United States.

From San Francisco the casket proceeds by rail to the American Graves Registration Distribution Center nearest the home of the deceased.

Caskets are transported in special mortuary cars. Windows are blacked out with metal covers and armed forces train guards will be assigned to each car. Each train car will carry 66 bodies.



THE U. S. ARMY TRANSPORT "HONDA KNOT"
Funeral ship which will bring back to the United States the first shipment of World War II dead from overseas cemeteries in the Pacific area.

Fifteen distribution centers are located throughout the nation, four of which are in the Sixth Army area: Utah General Depot at Ogden, Utah; Auburn General Depot at Auburn, Washington; San Francisco Port of Embarkation at San Francisco, and Mira Loma Quartermaster Depot near Riverside, California.

When the casket arrives at the distribution center, Army officials at the center again wire the family and plans for funeral arrangements are coordinated by wire at the expense of the government.

Trained military escorts will be provided by the armed forces to accompany each body individually from the Distribution Center to its final destination. Their mission will assure dignified handling and safe delivery of the remains to the next of kin or authorized representative or to the custody of a national cemetery.

Although the Army is in charge

of the overall plan, each service will provide escorts for members of its respective service.

Escorts will be of the same service, same rank, or above that of the deceased, same sex and race.

They will accompany the body until such time as a release is obtained from the family stating that the body has been received. Where desired the escort will remain to assist the family and to attend funeral services.

Many community veterans' organizations have volunteered to conduct military rites, when requested by the family. The organizations are being provided with rifles and blank ammunition from Army Ordnance in order to carry out these ceremonial rites.

Applications for such rifles for color guards, firing squads or similar activities may be made direct to: Chief of Ordnance, Field Service Division, Attention: ORFDQ-Donations,

Washington 25, D. C.

Blank ammunition, in the amount of not less than 24 rounds per ceremony, will be available through military escorts accompanying the remains to the final destination. Delivery will be made to any accredited representative of the veterans' organization planning to take part in the burial service.

Cost of return of the bodies is being borne by the War Department until the body is turned over to the family. Upon request of the family, the War Department then will authorize up to \$50 towards burial expenses.

Similar procedures will be carried out in the future arrival of war dead. The second arrival is slated for the latter part of October when the first European war dead will arrive in New York. About 3300 deceased will be returned to New York from the Henri Chapelle cemetery in Belgium.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



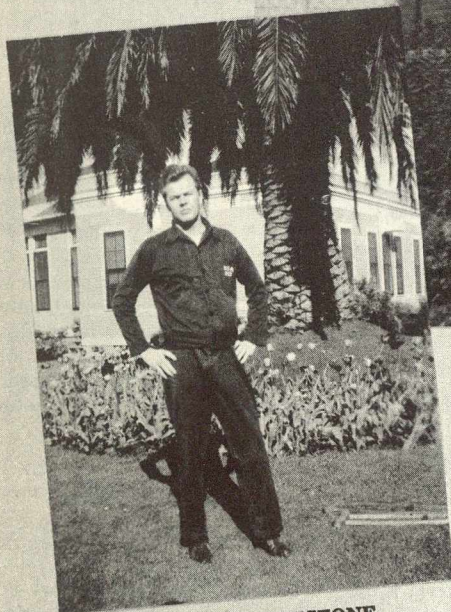
CLARA HENRIQUES
Of Orthopedic Clinic stops to smile
for the camera



1ST LT. FLORENCE MURPHY, ANC
Persuaded to pause en route to duty



GARDENER NED HARRISON
He can smell the flowers even through the
cigar smoke



RICHARD EYESTONE
Patient on ward E-2, about to sun
himself in the LGH patio



HIGH AND LOW
T/3 Donald Cole and T/4 Sue Bur-
nett, both of Physical Therapy, esti-
mate the height of the situation

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EDITORIAL

IDEAS WANTED

A suggestion to improve your job isn't necessarily something you sit and think about when you haven't anything else to do. Often it is the idea that comes to you when you are working full speed ahead, and it proves to be a real short cut that saves time or material.

Put the idea on paper, submit it to the Suggestion Committee here at the hospital, and your idea will be considered for a cash award. Civilian employees are eligible for awards from \$5 to \$250. Military personnel receive awards in the form of furloughs or passes—the equivalent of cash.

In an installation as large as Letterman, as in any large organization, there is always room for improvement in work accomplishment. Sometimes all that is needed is a little thinking about your job, and you will wonder why you've been doing things in the old routine when a more ingenious method would get the work done more efficiently.

Even the simplest routine tasks can often be speeded up by better placement of work materials, or rearrangement of office space. Thinking about your work while you are doing it adds interest to the task, and if out of that thinking a new idea develops, it may add not only interest but cash.

During the war millions of dollars were saved through the

WAC

Furloughs have an odd way of coming to an end, and Cpl. Helen Brown's was no exception. She is now back on duty in the Brace Shop after a 36-day furlough spent at Alhambra, California.

T/5 Anna Christiansen visited Salina, Utah, on a 15-day furlough.

Friday night, "G. I. night" in the barracks is always an occasion for T/5 Sally Craig to take informal candid pictures of the gals in barracks' 213. Petite Sally always "snaps" the girls when they least expect it, and sometimes when they least want it. T/4 Aletha Birchfield can vouch for the latter.

Shooting pool in the Day Room every night is fun, especially when encouraged by the Friendly Neighbor policy. They say you can ask S/Sgt. "Dottie" Bennett if this isn't so.

Night classes this coming winter at US Extension and at Marina High School will be keeping several members of the WAC detachment busy. M/Sgt. Opal Glenn, T/3 Agda Johnson, T/3 Edith Altenburg, T/5 Sheila Daughtery, T/5 Sally Craig, T/4 Mildred Steck, and T/5 Leatrice Lamascus have been attending classes, and T/4 Sue Burnett goes to the San Francisco School of Music for weekly piano lessons.

The housing situation for the pet dogs of the detachment has been solved. They will sleep at night in the boiler rooms. At present four members of the detachment are the proud possessors of pups: Agda Johnson, Helen Hicks, Golden Deal and Helen Mack.

T/4 Frances Black, more popularly known as "Blackie," has decided on her occupation on return to civilian life. She wants to be a woman barber and a bootblack. To quote her: "I will shave my customers once and then they will boot Black." Ouch!

The superior man is the providence of the inferior. He is eyes for the blind, strength for the weak, and a shield for the defenseless. He stands erect by bending above the fallen. He rises by lifting others.
—Robert Ingersoll.

Suggestion Program, and thousands were paid to the personnel who made the suggestions. It is still important to effect savings.

How about an idea for job improvement from you?



The former Lieut. Phyllis Arnold, of Yacabucci, one of the nurses who was at Letterman after her return from Bataan, has announced her marriage to Brewster Howell Adams. The wedding took place in Chicago on August 28.

First Lieut. Mary I. Paine of Physical Therapy became the bride of Arthur R. Williamson last Saturday at the Chapel of Our Lady.

Major Anne Benton and Major Eileen Brady were entertained at the Tonga Room at the Fairmont last week, when a group of Letterman nurses gave a farewell party for them, and presented them with leis of pink carnations. They are leaving LGH to attend a 10-month course in nursing procedures at Columbia University, New York. Major Benton observed sadly that she was afraid that back in New York she wouldn't understand people and they wouldn't understand her Southern accent either. If this should prove to be the case, perhaps she can persuade Major Brady to interpret for her.

First Lieut. Fabiola S. Aragon and Sgt. Arthur D. Whitford were married September 8 in the Chapel of Our Lady. Chaplain (Major) Thomas F. Corcoran performed the ceremony, and the witnesses were Gordon R. Giles and Geraldine Giles.

Captain Vida Buehler, who recently returned from Madigan General Hospital at Fort Lewis, entertained the Physical Therapists at an open house homecoming party last week.

Congratulations to First Lieut. Jessie Morgan, ANC, on her promotion to the silver bar status. The promotion was received August 29.

First Lieut. Mary I. O'Donnell, ANC, is back on duty after a bout of illness, but another Mary, First Lieut. Mary Leahy, is now a patient.

First Lieuts. Ruth Campbell and Frances Duprez of Physical Therapy, 1st Lieut. Margaret Bohn of the dietitians staff, and Miss Nancy Cook spent last week end at Clear Lake.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 21 S. September, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 193030.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

New Leave Act Will Become Effective 1 Oct.

The new law authorizing cash payments for leave due at time of separation, and eliminating the present terminal leave policy, will be effective 1 October.

Under the new act persons separated from service will be paid cash for any leave due them. In case of officers, rates, allowances will be continued. First three grade enlisted men with dependents will receive \$1.95 a day as allowances, in addition to pay. Other enlisted men will receive 70 cents a day in allowances.

Men reenlisting immediately on discharge or transferring between commissions, warrant and enlisted status will be permitted to carry over leave credits up to the 60-day maximum. Those who previously had to waive credits will now have them restored.

Excess leave at half-pay for officers will be stopped, and all officers and men absent in excess of accrued leave on account of sickness or wounds or while awaiting disability retirement proceedings will be continued at full pay.

To Attend Course

Two Letterman officers, Colonel Leonard D. H. Heaton, MC, Chief of Surgical Service, and Colonel William S. George, MC, assistant Chief of Medical Service, leave this week to attend a five-day course of instruction in Medical Aspects of Atomic Explosion. The course will be given at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C.

WAC OF THE WEEK



AGDA JOHNSON
Technician Third Grade

The exploring instinct is strong in T/3 Agda Johnson. In 1930 she came from Sweden to live in the United States—"I wanted to see what this country was like." Then, having decided to make her home here, she went back to Sweden to explore her own country a bit more. In 1937 she took a three-month vacation from her job and went home, timing her arrival so she'd be there for her mother's 55th birthday. She and her brother then undertook a bicycle tour of various cities in Sweden, covering 1400 miles in five weeks.

Agda's home during her first years in the U. S. was in Chicago. She knew very little English when she arrived, but in six months she felt at home in the language, and says that reading comic pages and going to movies helped a lot in her study of English.

Two years after her arrival in Chicago she completed a physiotherapy course at the Health Institute there, and worked in that field for several years. During the war she worked in a bomber plant in Kansas City, but obtained a release in 1944 in order to join the WAC.

She asked for a Physical Therapy assignment, and has had one all during her time in the Army, first at the hospital at Camp Carson, Colo., and then here at LGH. She came here in 1946, and was at Dante Annex until it closed, then came to the clinic at the main hospital. Her husband is T/4 Charles Johnson of Sixth Army, who drives for General Hays, and who is now in Germany on that assignment. Agda has requested overseas duty so that she can be with him.

Agda's pet cocker spaniel, "Beep Boy," is keeping her busy these days. His recently acquired green sweater didn't prevent his getting

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The brace on Robert Underwood's neck didn't stop him from playing 99 holes recently on the Presidio's Pitch and Putt course.

Richard Cline of ward 31 was seen reading "How To Plan a House" the other day, and that's just the beginning. He plans to be an architect.

Now that Lorenzo Hill of ward O-2 has been discharged he intends to go to the Belgian Congo to take color movies. Those who have seen some of his photographic work know how expert he is.

Bob Allen of ward 41, whose principal problem in the Army has been caused by the fact that he gets tired explaining that he has NMI (no middle initial), was formerly a song and dance man in vaudeville and is very much interested in show business. He has recently joined the show group at the "Y."

The "Frisco" drivers have already made it necessary for Clinton Logas, of ward K-2, to get a new paint job on his new Chevrolet.

Henry Yokel, Bob Neimeyer and Geronimo Cruz have a cooperative deal on crossword puzzles. It's a daily routine with them to work the puzzles together.

Richard Bell and Clinton Severance are feuding over the cribbage board. Bell says "I'm the better player but he gets the cards." Clint didn't make any statement one way or the other.

Herbert J. Anderson of ward 31 married Miss Catherine Farley on September 2 at Santa Rosa. The couple spent their 10-day honeymoon at Russian River. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson worked in civil service here for seven years before he joined the Army.

Thomas Stewart, ward 28, and Paul Lim, ward F-1, are attending UC at Berkeley.

Over on ward 31, Ira Landerman, who has 2½ acres of land in Petaluma, is busy drawing plans for his house, and even has the grounds all laid out on paper, showing just where fruit trees and vegetables will be planted. His rumpus room is designed with doors that fold back, for the "marvelous Marin" summers.

pneumonia, and he is now getting penicillin shots to aid his recovery.

Agda likes tennis, hiking and bicycling, but so far hasn't covered 1400 miles here as she did in Sweden.

Milton Wellons of ward 25 remarked the other day "If LGH were in Seattle, or Seattle here, I'd be perfectly happy. As it is, I want to be in both places at once."

Dale Christensen of ward B-2 is reading up on T/F Frigid. He plans to return to his home in North Dakota after his discharge next week.

Victor Jacquot was seen spinning the yarn on his ward. He is making a baby blanket for one of his daughters.

The lucky people who won silver dollars for their correct answers on the USAFI Quiz Show broadcast over KLGH this week were: Ronald L. Greenwalt, Buddy Thompson, Adam Marcias, John P. Spidler, Frank L. Roberts, Richard W. Russ, William Mayor, Robert Underwood, Lenoard White and Maurice Moeller.

Paul Senti of ward E-2 is still hoping the Oaks will come out on top this season.

Reyarnes Burrage is making a whole menagerie of yarn animals.

Friends of Vic Penso, former Letterman patient can expect to see him again this week. He is coming back for a visit.

Ellsworth Wolfe was seen the other day buying coffee in the grill for WAC patients.

Three more patients are now taking extension courses at UC: Louis Kilgore, Reginald Greenbrook, and Milo Bacon.

Nick Shimizu and Bob Moraei, two boys from the Islands, were seen teaching the "Hula" to Joe Caissie and Phillip Tracy on ward B-2.

We asked Jim Hard of ward 28 what he did on his recent furlough in Kentucky, and he said "I had a good time just walking up and down those bumpy country roads."

Stanley Michaliki of ward K-2 had a visit from his young granddaughter last Sunday.

The discussion group, which now holds meetings on ward D-2, will hear Ed Radenzell speak on the political situation in Europe at their next session, on Wednesday evening, September 24.

(Editor's Note: Thanks to Jack Cratty for writing the above column. Jack, who until this week was a patient here at Letterman, has been in Army hospitals for the past ten months, since his return from Korea, and has been at LGH since May. He is now assigned to duty in Educational Reconditioning.)

ON THE SPOT



CHAS. F. CATTERLIN
Corporal

When he was a youngster, Cpl. Charles Catterlin had ideas about some day becoming a forest ranger, but long since he firmly and finally changed his mind. Now, at 18, having already completed one year of pre-law work at Los Angeles City College, he states that his ambition is to be Governor of the State of California.

When he was in school, he was one of those sent to Sacramento during "Boys State" week, and his observation of the state government during that week gave him a lot of ideas. He was appalled to learn that of those eligible to vote in this state, only 30 per cent do so. He has the laudable ambition of doing something about simplifying the language of the law. He says that in June, 1954, when, barring interruptions, he will have finished his studies and passed his bar examination, he intends to be a candidate for the House of Representatives.

Cpl. Catterlin, who is known as "Monte," because of his middle name, Fremont, was born in Denver, Colorado, but has lived most of his life in Los Angeles. He was graduated from Manual Arts High School there, and was student body president and boys vice-president. At L. A. City College he was a member of the Blue Cubs, an honor service organization.

He enlisted in the Army in September 1946, had basic training at Camp Beale, and was then sent to Camp Stoneman. He came to Letterman in June of this year, and was assigned to Educational Reconditioning, where his duties include interviewing patients to ascertain their educational interests and enroll them in special courses.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Helen Diez of the Record Room returned this week after a three-week vacation. Most of the time she spent leisurely at home, with short trips to Sacramento, San Rafael and San Jose for variety.

Jo Lockwood of Laundry Branch traveled via United Airlines to visit her sister in New York. She is so enthusiastic about flying as a result of her trip that she is now busy telling her friends to do all their traveling by plane. Says she didn't even worry about falling after she got under way.

Back on duty in the library after a two-week leave is Mildred Bryan, who says she could have used another month's vacation, it was so much fun. She and her husband went to Los Angeles and to Lake Tahoe during her leave.

Anna Ahrens, Laundry Branch, drove north on her vacation and is enjoying herself in Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia.

Henry Cleary of Military Personnel is in the market for an apartment with a fireplace, and when you ask him if it might not be just a bit difficult to get one, he says, "Well, I had one with a garden for the summer; why not one with a fireplace for the winter" This incurable optimist will probably find one, too.

Joe Giaccarini, Laundry Branch, went east on her vacation, driving to St. Louis, Mo. On the way back she struck unusual weather, driving through the Painted Desert in pouring rain. She stopped at Boulder Dam on the way back, and when she arrived home had completed a trip of 5500 miles.

Eve Guth of ward B-1, better known as "Ace," is back after a five-week vacation. She spent it here in San Francisco and enjoyed the company of her grandchild, "while my daughter had the vacation," she says.

Felcie Trulsen of Laundry Branch drove to Washington, D. C., during her leave, and dropped in at the White House, but the President was out of town. She saw paper money being made at the mint, but failed to bring back any samples other than the ones she took with her.

Customer: "Do you take anything off for cash?"

Salesgirl: "Sir! This is a department store, not a burlesque show."

ALL HER ARMY ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN IN HER OWN FIELD-TEACHING



First Lieut. ADELE L. DUKE, WAC
Assistant Chief, Educational Reconditioning

First Lieut. Adele L. Duke came to Letterman in June of this year, and already her infectious smile and friendly personality have made many friends for her among both patients and duty personnel. In her work as assistant chief of Educational Reconditioning, she contacts the patients on the wards to interest them in the various educational opportunities available to them, and she takes a personal interest in finding for each patient the courses which will be of most use to them in either civilian or Army life.

In addition to these duties, Lieut. Duke, who writes the E/R column for the Fog Horn, is currently familiarizing herself with the duties involved in getting out the Fog Horn.

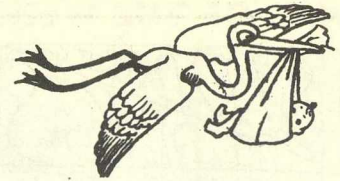
Lieut. Duke surprised herself by leaving the teaching field for the Army. She went to a recruiting office with a friend who was interested in joining the WAC, and though the friend did not join, Lieut. Duke did.

She was born in Malden, Mass., but is really a New Yorker, having spent most of her life in New York

City. She attended the Jamaica Training School for Teachers, and took special training at Hunters College to obtain her license as teacher of crippled children. When she began teaching she returned to the elementary school from which she herself had graduated. Her later teaching was at Neponsit Beach Hospital, one of the New York City hospitals, where she taught the crippled children who were patients there.

After joining the WAC in September 1943, she went to Daytona Beach, Fla., for basic training, and her first assignment was at Fort Stevens, Ore. Six months later she went to OCS at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and received her commission August 19, 1944. She remained at Oglethorpe teaching basic training and later advanced training.

She wanted to get into Educational Reconditioning work, and requested it, after which she was sent to Washington & Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, for an E/R course. She was then assigned to that work at Kennedy General Hos-



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. James Philip Lumley, a girl, **Stacia Marie**, born 7 September.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Marcellus W. Burton, a girl, **Diane Aurelia**, born 7 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Robert Eugene Randolph, a boy, **Robert Hughes**, born 7 September.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Joseph Stephen Glenn, a girl, **Mary Regina**, born 9 September.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Woodrow Thane, a girl, **Sally Kay**, born 10 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Lawrence John Wheeler, a girl, **Carolyn Jean**, born 12 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Maurice P. Rountree, a boy, **Stephen Lynn**, born 13 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Luther Rockwood Harvey, a boy, **Jack Rockwood**, born 14 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Benn Allen Rutledge, a boy, **Delwin Allen**, born 15 September.

A woman called up a newspaper and told them she wanted her husband's name put in the obituary column because she had caught him kissing the maid.

"How long has he been dead?" asked the reporter.

The wife replied, "He starts tomorrow."

pital in Memphis, Tenn., and remained there until the hospital closed in June 1946. Pratt General Hospital at Miami was her next duty station, and she served there as I & E and E/R officer. When Pratt closed this spring she came to Letterman.

During these assignments she attended a course for the Vocational Guidance of the Seriously Disabled, at New York City; the Army Information School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and the USAFI Conference at Madison, Wis.

Lieut. Duke enjoys horseback riding, golf and swimming, and likes to play bridge and to read. While in New York she owned her own mount, and used to spend week ends at Cinnabar Ranch, a dude ranch at Peekskill, about 40 miles from the city.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Area "B" Library reopened on 12 September after being closed for an extended period. T/3 James Peyton, of the Train Unit's Special Services, is acting as librarian.

First Sergeant Tea Garland has joined the organization, coming from Tilton General Hospital.

New T/5's in the Train Unit's enlisted detachment are Edward Ferguson, William Jewell, Harold Latham, Wilburne Law, James Oliver, William Revels and Alvin Turner.

Captain Robert P. Allen, detachment commander, visited Sacramento on a four day leave last week.

Off to Canada last week was Mess Sergeant John Mack, on a thirty day furlough. T/3 Harold Eads is acting mess sergeant in his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Dept.: T/5 Frank Larter's wife has joined him here from New Orleans. Pfc. Anthony Simat was recently married.

Pfc. James Johnson, detachment supply clerk, looked a bit worn out, after issuing "dozens and dozens" of pairs of shoes. (Train Unit EM were recently authorized a second pair of low quarters)

Transportation clerk Walter Klasno is back at his desk after a visit home via delay en route.

Army, Navy to Merge Procurement Offices

Washington (AFPS)—To achieve economy and efficiency, the Army and Navy will implement a joint procurement policy under the unification plan before October 1st. A joint directive has been drafted to facilitate the plan which will eliminate unnecessary red tape and simplify the wartime joint procurement system.

The plan becomes effective when James V. Forrestal is sworn in as Secretary of Defense.

The fundamental idea of the new system is that the service having predominant need for an item will procure it for both groups. Payments to manufacturers will be made directly through the new procurement board, eliminating the present necessity for settlement by the procuring service with both the manufacturer and the other service.

The directive, already approved by the Navy Dept., covers every type of equipment and supply in which there is a joint interest. The only field not included is that of the civil duties of the Army Engineers, such as river and harbor improvements.

HE SAYS A PARACHUTE JUMP IS JUST LIKE WALKING DOWNSTAIRS



First Sergeant DON L. DICKS
First Sergeant, Hospital Train Unit Detachment

"A parachute jump is just like walking downstairs, but that first step is a lulu," says First Sergeant Don L. Dicks, first sergeant of the Hospital Train Unit detachment. He and his brother enlisted in the parachute troops when they joined the Army in November 1942, and they served in the same platoon. Sgt. Dicks says one of the most difficult things he had to do during the war was to leave his brother, who was wounded during the action in Holland, and go on to do the task he had been assigned.

Sgt. Dicks was born in Harrington, Kansas. After his enlistment he was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla., then to parachute school at Fort Benning, Ga. He received his advance training at Camp McCall, No. Car., and after maneuvers in Tennessee was sent overseas in December, 1943.

He went to the ETO, and was stationed at Belfast, Ireland for a time. He was glad to see Ireland, because it was his grandfather's birthplace. Then after a short time in England, came D-Day, and Sgt. Dicks was

among the paratroopers who made the first jump over Normandy. On July 4, 1944 he was wounded by shrapnel, and returned to England for brief hospitalization. The next airborne operation was on September 17, when the troops parachuted into Holland.

When the Niemagen bridge was taken, both officers were lost, and Sgt. Dicks became commander of the platoon. They left Holland in November for Sissone, France, where they remained for a month, then went by truck convoy to Belgium. Sgt. Dicks was in the Ardennes action, and was then in Dreux, France for several weeks awaiting orders for further airborne operations. Before the orders came the European war ended.

General Eisenhower asked for airborne troops for his elite guard, and Sgt. Dicks' regiment, the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, was chosen. They moved to Frankfurt and took over the SHAEF guard.

Four months later, in September 1945, Sgt. Dicks was asked at 9 a. m. if he could be ready by 1 a. m.

HOMESTATE

Detroit (AFPS)—In court on a charge of lighting a cigarette, falling asleep and setting himself and his hotel room on fire, Frank Kabar fell asleep and set himself on fire.

Oildale, Calif. (AFPS.)—Louise Horn got off a bus, caught her fashionably long skirt in the door and had to sprint beside the bus for nearly a block before it stopped. She panted that she was sticking by short skirts forever.

Huntington, W. Va. (AFPS.)—Noting that some unionists outside his struck plant didn't have placards to carry, D. Sterling Diddle made up a set for them, but was brusquely turned down by the proud pickets.

Wethersfield, Conn. (AFPS)—Fined \$25 last winter for failure to provide heat for a tenant she disliked, Mrs. Frank Iacino has been fined \$30 for firing her furnace and upping the temperature to 110 degrees in an attempt to drive the same tenant out.

Chicago (AFPS)—Helen Fritz sued her mother-in-law, Mrs. Bernice Bianchini, for alienation of affection because Mrs. Bianchini had whittled her son's income down to a point where he could no longer support a wife.

Detroit (AFPS)—As a 17-year-old clerk, Barbara Seabert, was closing up a dry cleaning establishment, a holdup man robbed her of \$53. Then he told her it was unsafe to be out alone at that hour of night and solicitously walked her to the bus stop.

Clinton, Iowa (AFPS)—Ezra Adams, outraged by the saccharine sentiments of a soap opera, smashed his fist through the family radio, gladly paid a \$10 fine for disturbing the peace.

Grand Rapids, Mich. (AFPS)—A fish broke water in the Grand River and bit the finger of Edward G. Kaspar, who jumped in to fight it out, emerged triumphantly with a punch-drunk, 40-pound catfish.

to leave for the States. "And I was ready," he says. He flew to Antwerp, then returned home by ship to Boston. He went home for a 45-day rehabilitation furlough, after which he re-enlisted in the Army and spent a year at Camp Polk, La. He also served at Fort Sill, Okla., before coming to LGH in March 1947.

In January 1946, he was married in Hope, Kansas, and he and his wife, Marjorie, and their 2-month-old son, Darl, now live at Cronkhite.

Sgt. Dicks decorations include the Croix de Guerre, the Purple Heart, stars for four major battles, the Dutch Orange Lanyard, the combat Infantry badge, and parachute qualification wings.

New Ten-Year Limit on Civilian Retirement Refunds

Civilian employees of the federal government who are separated with less than ten years of service may now obtain refund of their retirement deductions. This is the result of the recent approval of the Jones law, Public Law 263.

Formerly only employees with less than five years service could obtain refunds upon separation; those with more than five years were obliged to wait until age 65 before receiving their retirement money.

Employees who have more than five and less than ten years service may choose between taking a refund or retaining their right to a deferred annuity.

The three basic situations possible under the new refund provisions are:

1. Total creditable service (including military) less than five years: Employee is eligible for refund only.
2. Total creditable service (including military) five years or more but less than 10 years: Employee can choose between refund and deferred annuity.
3. Total creditable civilian service 10 years or more: No refund of deductions covering service after January 23, 1942. Employee can receive refund of any deductions or deposits made prior to January 24, 1942, upon application.

Inquiries may be addressed to Retirement Information, United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

MORE ON ANNIVERSARY

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England church architecture, it was formerly used for both Catholic and Protestant services.

Another interesting bit of history connected with the Presidio relates to El Polin Spring, source of water supply for the early Spanish colonists. The spring rises in a rocky hillside a short distance from the chapel and still is flowing.

Around it has lingered an ancient Indian legend that maidens who drank of its waters during the light of the moon would be happily married and bear many children. This legend is inscribed now on a historic marker erected on the site. The spring itself is hidden away in a clump of weeping willows.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

REVIEW OF the 80th Congress' income tax changes as regards armed forces' personnel discloses the following main points:

1) **THE EXCLUSION** of all service pay for Federal income tax purposes for members of the armed forces below the rank of commissioned officers. Exclusion of up to \$1,500 of the service pay of commissioned officers. These exclusions will terminate on December 31, 1948.

2) **MEMBERS OF the armed forces on foreign or sea duty** have an automatic deferment of six months following their return Stateside, deferment termination date not to be later than December 31, 1947, except in special cases.

3) **SERVICE PAY** will be subject to withholding for Federal income taxes on and after January 1, 1949, in the same manner that wages paid to civilian employees are now treated.

THE NEW VALUE of the Navy commuted ration is established at 80 cents, the leave ration at 80 cents, the midshipman ration at one dollar and the hospital ration at ninety-one and one-half cents.

EFFECTIVE January 1, 1948, Soldiers' Deposits may be withdrawn by enlisted personnel depositors only upon discharge, retirement, or transfer to an inactive status in any reserve component of the Army.

AN ARMY - NAVY - AIR Force joint recommendation on all

phases of retirement from the services is being readied for submission to Congress when that body convenes the first of the year. Also being studied by each service for joint recommendation to the Congress is a possible pay adjustment.

THE NUMBER OF new officers to be integrated into the Regular Army in the fifth and final integration this October will be between 4,000 and 5,000. Most will be Air Force officers.

This will bring the commissioned strength of the regular military establishment to between 40,000 and 41,000 officers, some 9,000 below the authorized strength of 50,000 regular officers. The vacancies will be available for West Point classes, OCS appointees, Regular Army men, etc. The Regular Army is now about 100,000 officers and men below its authorized strength of 1,070,000 fixed by Congress as of July 1, 1947.

TREND TOWARD simplification note: The short title for the Commander of United States Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, has been changed to "Comnaveastlantmed."

CHRISTMAS packages for Army personnel stationed overseas should be mailed between October 15 and November 15, according to the Adjutant General. This is the same mailing period for Christmas packages as was in effect last year.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

A valuable source for a brief concise description of various occupations is the series of "Occupational Briefs" published by USAFI. One hundred ten jobs are discussed, each in a separate leaflet, giving such information as: the work of the job, how to get started in it, who should (or should not) go into it, location, earnings, outlook, help in getting started, where training may be had, what subjects to take, how USAFI can help with preparation, how to apply for credit for military experience, sources of additional information about the job, and other jobs related to it.

If you are undecided as to your future vocation, visit the E/R office and select several leaflets on jobs in which you might possibly be interested. Look them over, see how well you qualify, find out what the outlook for employment is, send for the additional information. All this will be quite helpful to you in making your decision as to what you will do after discharge.

Take for example Occupational Brief No. 30:

The Job of the Medical Technologist

What he does.

How he qualifies.

What he earns.

What is the employment outlook.

We find that he makes various routine and special tests to obtain data in diagnosing illness and in treating patients. He needs two to four years of college training or its equivalent; he should be interested in performing routine laboratory work. Good health, particularly eyesight, is important. Average salaries are stated, and we find that the prospect of a job is good, since it is expected that the need for technologists will increase in the postwar world. Medical technology can be prepared for by attending special training schools, by taking a four-year college course, or by apprenticeship. The Registry of Medical Technologists, Muncie, Indiana, will supply additional information regarding schools and colleges.

The Educational Reconditioning Office has a large supply of these leaflets on hand. They are for distribution to all who are interested, and may be had just by asking for them. Visit the Educational Reconditioning office (Building 1039, Ext. 4403).



ANNIVERSARY MASS

The 171st anniversary of the opening of the first Catholic Chapel at the Presidio of San Francisco was celebrated last Sunday with a High Mass at the Chapel of Our Lady, which was built on the site of the first chapel. Celebrant of the Mass was Chaplain (Major) Thomas F. Corcoran.



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AFRS Announces Essay Contest on The Constitution

The anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States 160 years ago this month, in September, 1787, is being commemorated by an essay contest on "What the Constitution Means To Me." The contest is open to all members of the armed forces on active duty and to patients in Army hospitals, and is being conducted by the Armed Forces Radio Service, represented at Letterman by radio station KLGH.

The prize offered for the best essay on the subject is a Hallicrafter 10-tube, all-wave radio set. The ideas of the contestants should be set forth in an essay of 250 words or less.

It is emphasized that in awarding the prize major credit will be given for the thoughts embodied in the essay rather than for fine writing. Clear and simple statements are more forceful than involved arguments.

The contest closes at midnight on 30 November 1947.

Essays should be typed, should be double-spaced, and written on only one side of the paper. The author's name, rank, serial number, organization, free mailing address and name of service should be written at the top left hand corner of the title page, two inches from the top and 1½ inches from the left margin of the paper.

All essays will be submitted for clearance through the Troop Information & Education Officer in Building 1012, Room 5 at radio station KLGH. Upon arrival at headquarters of Armed Forces Radio Service they automatically become the property of AFRS. No essays will be returned to authors.

All participants should indicate at the bottom of the essay the address to which they wish the prize to be sent.



CONFER ON SURGICAL SERVICE

Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, and Colonel Daniel C. Campbell of the Surgeon General's office, confer during the latter's visit here this week.

SGO CONSULTANT AT LGH THIS WEEK

Colonel Daniel C. Campbell, MC, of the Surgical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, was at Letterman this week for the purpose of evaluating the work of the Surgical Service here.

He consulted with Colonel Dean F. Winn, Letterman's commanding officer, with reference to the hos-

pital's surgical setup, and surveyed the residency and intern program of the Surgical Service.

Colonel Campbell spent three days at Letterman, and left during the week to go to Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington, on a similar mission before returning to Washington, D. C.

Annual Community Chest Drive to Begin Next Week

Next week, on 1 October, the annual campaign for funds for the San Francisco Community Chest will begin. It will be carried on all during the month of October, and here at Letterman, as in the past, personnel are asked to make their contributions through the hospital. Division chairmen have been appointed to accept donations and pledges.

Seventy different agencies depend upon the Community Chest for funds to carry on health and welfare services.

President Harry S. Truman, in a letter to the Secretary of War, states that "the Community Chest provides those local health, welfare and recreational services necessary to rebuild and strengthen the security, health and happiness of our American communities . . . I ask all personnel to give generously, in full support of the Community Chests."

The services for which Community Chest funds go include children's institutions, foster homes, day nurseries, services to people in trouble, help to aged and handicapped, nursing care in homes, clinic and hospital services, emergency service to newcomers, neighborhood and community centers, health education, organizations for boys and girls, and many others.

The Chest operates on a 3½ per cent cost basis for both campaign and year-round agency supervision, which means that almost every cent of what is contributed goes for direct help.

It has been suggested that personnel give as generously as possible in this appeal for help for those less fortunate than themselves.

Detachment Personnel Take Promotion Examinations

This week 42 members of the detachment at Letterman took examinations for promotion under the temporary promotion system which will prevail here until the procedure for designation of a primary MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) is put into effect. At that time further tests must be taken to establish the primary MOS of detachment personnel. It is expected that this procedure will begin in March of next year.

Examinations for promotion are on a competitive basis, and those receiving the highest marks in the examinations will be promoted to existing vacancies. Therefore a passing mark does not insure immediate promotion, if there are not sufficient vacancies in the Table of Organization to promote all who are successful in the examinations.

Enlisted personnel who are recommended for promotion by their immediate superior officers and the Commanding Officer of the Station Complement are the only ones eligible to compete in the examination. It is emphasized in the War Department circular setting up the promotion plan regulations that in the Army, each man must be a soldier first, and a specialist second. Therefore particular attention is given in the examinations to the knowledge of military duties as well as to the specialized duties of the individual.

Following recommendation for promotion, the personnel appear before the hospital Promotion Board, which determines whether or not they are qualified for promotion.

Certain prerequisites as to service in grade and total active service must be completed before recommendations for promotion will be submitted. These prerequisites are:

From Technician Fifth Grade or Corporal to Technician Fourth Grade or Sergeant—six months service in grade.

From Technician Fourth Grade or Sergeant to Technician Third Grade or Staff Sergeant—twelve months service in grade.

From Technician Third Grade or Staff Sergeant to Technical Sergeant—twelve months service in grade and three years total active service.

From Technical Sergeant to Master Sergeant—eighteen months service in grade and five years total active service.

Enlisted personnel recommended for promotion to grades of Technician Fourth Grade through Master



THE SERGEANTS ANSWER THE QUESTIONS
Concentrating on putting down the right answers to the questions in the written promotion examinations given this week at Letterman.

Sergeant are required to take an oral, written and practical examination.

The oral examination requires the applicant to appear before the promotion Board to be questioned relative to the following:

- (1) The applicant's specific duties.
- (2) Organization of the Army.
- (3) Current events of national and international importance.

The written examination includes questions on the subjects listed below, and the number of points each subject is given is indicated. The material in parentheses refers to the source upon which the questions will be based:

Customs of the Service and Military Courtesy, 11 points (FM 21-100; Army Talk 184).

Clerical, 11 points (TM 12-253; AR 340-15).

First Aid, Hygiene and Sanitation and Control of Communicable Diseases, 12 points (TM 8-220; FM 21-10; FM 21-11).

Detachment Administration, 11 points (AR 345-400; AR 345-415; AR-1-5; TM 12-250).

Hospital Administration, 11 points (TM 8-262).

Mess Management, 11 points (TM 12-250; SGO Cir 70, 1947).

Military Law, 11 points (Manual of Courts-Martial, U. S. Army 1928).

Principles of Supply, 11 points (Hospital Regulations 20-25; AR 35-6520; AR 35-6560; AR 35-6620).

Non-Appropriated Funds, 11 points (TM 20-221; AR 210-50).

The practical examination is conducted on the drill field, near the gymnasium, and covers material included in FM 22-5. Personnel are graded for Leadership, Personal Appearance and Drill (Reporting Procedure).

All the above-mentioned references are available for study in the Training Branch, building T-1146.

Those who compete in the examinations outlined above will be graded on a basis of 100 per cent for each. The final grade will be the average of the three examinations. One point is earned for each year of service.

All applicants whose final grade is 75 or above will be considered

qualified for promotion and their names will be placed on an eligibility list according to the numerical grade attained. Promotions will then be made in the order in which the names appear on this list.

Applicants whose final grade is 74 or lower will not be considered qualified for promotion at this time.

After each examination for promotion is completed, a new eligibility list will be established which will automatically nullify all previous eligibility list for the grade or grades concerned. In the event that all of the individuals on an eligibility list are not promoted before a new eligibility list is established, it will be necessary for promotion recommendations to be resubmitted, and for the individuals concerned to participate in the next examinations for promotion before they will be considered.

Those who took the examinations this week included personnel recommended for promotion to the following grades: Technician Fourth Grade, Sergeant, Technician Third Grade, Staff Sergeant and Technical Sergeant.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



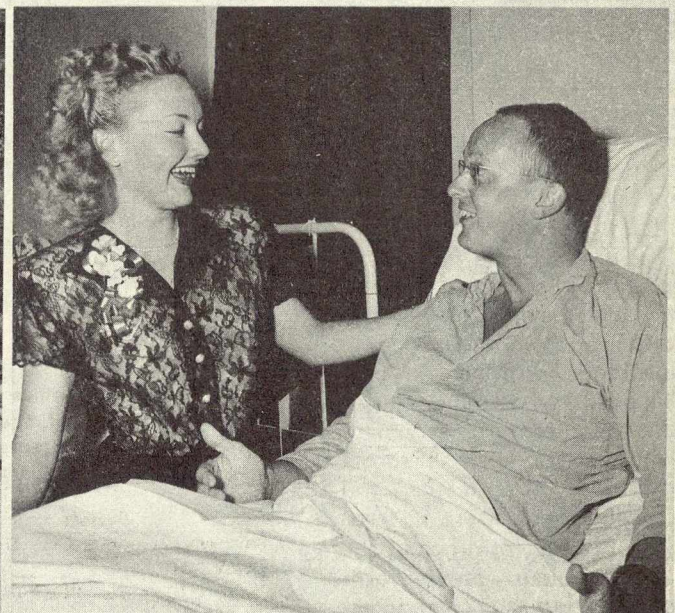
CONSTANCE MOORE
(center) entertained patients at Letterman this week. Here she and her sister Shirley watch Ernest Land weaving.



DARLINE DENISE DANCES
while Howard Eastwood plays for the diversion of the patients on ward D-2.



SMOOTHING THINGS OVER
This week road repair crews took the ups and downs out of the roads surrounding the hospital.



BLONDE BETTY BLACK
At Letterman this week with the HVEC show, listens and laughs with Russell Gould on ward D-2.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

ACCOMPLISHMENT

We must fight constantly to renew resolution—the resolution to accomplish almost any task which we have set ourselves. But the reward is an almost tangible thing, and nearly an immediate one—it is the renewal of enthusiasm and the feeling of the joy of accomplishment, which is certainly a very real thing.

There is a definite difficulty for some temperaments in settling down to work while they are happy. And it is true that work accomplished out of the torture of unhappiness is often great work, but it is a pity that equally good and great work cannot be the constant product of those with ability to perform it.

The road back to tranquility from futility is lit only by the lamp of determination—the determination not to become discouraged with one's own lack of accomplishment. Because the determination not to become discouraged is sometimes more difficult than the accomplishment itself.

It is hard to form good habits, and insidiously easy to form bad ones. But the feeling of pleasure which follows upon even the slightest effort in the direction of the good habit is an incredibly greater joy than the pleasure of self-indulgence.

WAC

Bowling season is here in full force and the Letterman WAC team, the "Wildcats," are entered in the Sixth Army Bowling League. The girls on the team are T/5 Sheila Daugherty, T/4 Sue Burnett, T/3 Edith Altenberg, Sgt. Dorothy Gustafson, T/4 Carolyn Fix, T/4 Elizabeth Hess and M/Sgt. Stella Watras.

Fishing is another pastime for the gals. T/4 Carolyn Fix, Sgt. Dorothy Gustafson, T/4 Henrietta Callari, T/3 Edith Altenberg and T/5 Sheila Daugherty participated in the art last Saturday. For all their efforts and hoping for a catch Altenberg was the only one who caught anything and that was a cold.

Hooray—a permanent C. Q. in the orderly room. S/Sgt. Nancy Banvard will be there five nights a week.

T/4 Mildred Steck forgot that the annual great day in her life (her birthday, September 21) was approaching but remembered in time, the day before, to buy a cake and share it with the girls in the barracks. Though it's a bit late, we wish a Happy Birthday to "Stecky."

Note to the Editor of the Foghorn: 'Tis rumored that T/4 Henrietta Collari is thinking of writing a letter to you. As yet she does not know what it will be about. But it will be about something important. You can bet your next week's coffee money on that.

Former Letterman WACs like to come back and visit us. We like that. Bertha Hektner, who worked in Personal Affairs office and who is now on her way to Korea, stopped to say "hello."

Maybelle Price, who is working in San Francisco, also stopped in for a visit.

T/Sgt. Eleanor Eaton, former Letterman WAC who is now in Austria, is pitcher on the USFA softball team that won the European Command championship.

Help Wanted!

There is an urgent need at Letterman for clerk-typists, mess attendants and ward helpers. If any of your friends are interested, ask them to apply at the Civilian Personnel office at Letterman, Room 201, Administration Building.



Welcome to two recent additions to the Army Nurse Corps staff here—1st Lieut. Elizabeth Mahoney of Wheeling, West Virginia, and 1st Lieut. Lydia Arnold, from Georgia. Both have recently returned from overseas duty in Japan. Lieut. Mahoney is on duty in Central Service and Lieut. Arnold is on ward G-2.

Four of Letterman's nurses had their pictures taken for the San Francisco News last week—Captain Dorothy Looby and 1st Lieuts. Esther Anderson, Dorothy Firstenberger and Kathryn Taylor. The pictures were used in last Saturday's News to illustrate a story about nurses in the Regular Army.

First Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff of Physical Therapy entertained her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Sandhoff, last week. They were here from Long Beach, and Lieut. Sandhoff did her best to sell them on Northern California. However, a cable car ride proved almost too much hazard, and rounding a corner on the way downhill even called forth screams from her sister-in-law. No casualties, though.

Lieuts. Ruth Campbell and Dorothy Glidden of PT spent the week end camping at Big Sur, but provided themselves with a goodly supply of non-camping delicacies before leaving, things such as cream puffs, for instance!

Letters from Majors Benton and Brady, ANC, now learning the ins and outs of transportation in New York City, report that they like travel by subway even if they do get off at the wrong station occasionally.

Two bicycles, gifts from the late Camp Beale, have been added to the recreation equipment at the nurses' quarters, and 1st Lieuts. Madeline Passadori and Margaret Abbott were among the first to try them out.

Lieuts. Emily Mueller and Aileen Lasse of P.T. spent the week end enjoying themselves at Lake Tahoe. Lieut. Mueller is now known as "Chef" Mueller, having recently acquired an expert's touch with cookery. Specialties! Fried eggs and beer pancakes!

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: FOR
Week of 28 September, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 00600 and 0800.

Novena Services Tuesday at 1915

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Opportunity to Contribute for Walter Reed Bust

A number of members of the Medical Department have expressed a desire to contribute to the funds for the bust of Walter Reed which will be placed in the New York University Hall of Fame. All Medical Department officers at Letterman will have an opportunity to contribute to this fund during the week beginning 29 September. 1st Lieut. Col. William L. Beswick, MAC, has been designated to receive contributions.

Since the amount estimated to be necessary is \$6,000, which includes the commissioning of the sculptor, no large contributions are expected from any individual officer, and of course the donations are entirely voluntary.

No name has reflected greater glory upon the Army Medical Department than that of Walter Reed, whose name is synonymous with the conquest of yellow fever. Therefore it is considered only fitting and proper that the plaque under the bust should bear evidence that the personnel of the Army Medical Department had a part in the project.

The bust will be presented next May when the Fourth International Congresses of Tropical Medicine and Malaria are held in Washington, D. C.

To Attend Course

Major George H. Moulton, DC, of the Dental Service, left Letterman this week. He will attend a one-year course at the University of California in crown and bridge prostheses.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ETHEL STEPP
Corporal

Because she was born in Van Buren, Arkansas, Corporal Ethel Stepp keeps getting asked whether she knew Bob Burns when she lived there. It must get monotonous, but she's affable about explaining that although Van Buren was her birthplace, she lived most of her life in Cement, Oklahoma, and therefore didn't know Bob and the Arkansas relatives about whom he spins those amazing yarns.

In 1935 she moved to California, and made her home in Long Beach. She did practical nursing in the Los Angeles County Hospital, working on the medical and surgical wards and in the Out-Patient Clinic.

She first joined the WAC in April, 1944, and went to Des Moines for basis training. She was in the Air Corps, and her first duty station was Craig Field, Alabama. She had a three-month surgical technicians' course at Maxwell Field, Alabama. After serving 19 months she received her discharge, but remained a civilian for only nine months, then re-enlisted, in August of last year. She was assigned to duty at Dugway Proving Ground at Tooele, Utah. Then in June 1947 she came to Letterman, where she is on duty on ward B-1. This week she took the examination for promotion to Technician Fourth Grade, but as yet does not, of course, know the result.

Ethel enjoys movies and reading, but spends a lot of her leisure time tatting and crocheting, and has already completed all her Christmas gifts for her family. At present she is studying typing, with a view to qualifying for clerical work.

Dramatic criticism: The scenery for the play was beautiful, but the actors kept getting in front of it.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Ralph Quinn, Ward L-1, is becoming adept at clock repair. It has been his hobby for some time, and sounds like a hobby that ought to pay off in profits as well as pleasure.

Jack Montgomery, Ward C-2, is adding to his civilian wardrobe. We spotted a maroon shirt that is strictly—that's all, just strictly.

Paul Danielson and **Howard Lindgren**, Ward B-2, spend most of their waking hours dueling over a chess board. Rumor has it that they are about ready to start their second game.

On Ward F-1 lives an Auto Body designer. Although he has been in the Army five years, **Thomas Henderson** has kept up with all the latest changes in this field. He intends to pursue this line after his discharge. Let's hope he puts the running boards back on.

The following men each won a dollar on the I & E Quiz Program held at the Recreation Hall: **Kenneth D. Nadeau**, **Robert Wallace**, **Aston Thompson**, **Ross Vandenberg**, **Milo Bacon**, **W. J. Germany**, **Ronald Greenwalt**, **Carey Dunn**, **Wayne Coggins**, **John Spidle**, **Darwin Berrier**, and **Durward Benson**.

Congratulations are in order for patient **Behring Wilson**, Ward C-2. He was married 20 September to a Menlo Park girl.

Maurice R. Hartnett, recently a patient on Ward 30, has returned to duty and is on his way to Brooke General Hospital for a nine-month course in Psychology.

John Warren, Ward 27, and **Eugene Valley**, Ward K-1, are both ardent photo fans and have been improving their technique while here at Letterman.

Earl R. Force, Ward 27, deserted the Mid-West to make his permanent home in California. He has invested in a ranch and is raising Siamese cats and Cocker Spaniel pups. Quite a combination.

John P. Davis has put so much work into making his hooked rug that he intends to hang it on the wall where it won't be stepped on. Don't blame him, it is in the form of a ship and has been very well done.

Two Spanish American War Veterans have joined the rank of patients at LGH. They are **James Faren**, 71, and **Harry Lee**, 84. Both men are on Ward F-1.

Joe Romero and two Therapy students formed a trio last Saturday and gave a little impromptu entertainment on Ward K-2.

Joe L. Stevenson recently completed a course at the Army Information School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

New Quiz Program

The Bedside Network, radio station KLGH, has announced a new inter-departmental Quiz Show. The first program is scheduled for 1900 next Tuesday, 28 September. The show is sponsored by USAFI, and prizes for the correct answers will be silver dollars.

T/5 **Joe Gilbert** of KLGH will be the quizmaster. He is busy organizing teams to represent the various departments of the hospital, and says he will welcome an audience in the studio for the show. Everyone is invited to join in the fun—officers, enlisted personnel, patients, nurses and WACs.

"Smoke Gets In Your Eyes"

(AFPS)—Some of Jerome Kern's songs were written for posterity, but he could not have known how accurate he would be when he penned, "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes."

The Department of Agriculture has just revealed that the number of cigarettes consumed per annum within the borders of the United States has reached the staggering rate of 327 billions. Or written in smoke rings, 327,000,000,000.

Translated into production per capita, every man, woman and child is presently rationed to 2,335 and five-sevenths cigarettes per year.

Most children, however, seem to prefer bubble gum, so that this total is concentrated in fewer faces, mostly male. Stuff another eleven and a half billion (000,000,000) cigars in the mouth of masculine America—and no one knows how many pipes (000,000,000), and . . .

Hey! Somebody open a window!

ON THE SPOT



HARVEY KASOFSKY
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 Harvey Kasofsky claims the distinction of being the one and only "Harvey" at Letterman, and having seen Frank Fay in New York in the play "Harvey" he likes to think of himself as a whimsical character much like Harvey the rabbit. He is a strong admirer of Frank Fay, and is inclined to dismiss Joe E. Brown, who played the role on the West Coast, as a poor substitute for Frank. No use trying to argue him down on this point.

Right now Letterman's Harvey is, he says, badly in need of a furlough, and if he just had Harvey the rabbit's quality of invisibility, his problem would be simple. He could just disappear. However . . .

He was born in Lynbrook, Long Island, N. Y., and studied accounting at New York University, completing a year there before entering the Army in July 1946. Since he has been at LGH, he has changed his mind about his career, and decided to become a doctor. He wants to enter Michigan State College at Lansing for his pre-med work.

Before coming to Letterman last October, Harvey spent several months at Camp Polk, Louisiana. Since he was a cook while he was there, he was deprived of the pleasure of complaining about the Army chow. Here at LGH he has been trained as a lab technician, and it was this work which interested him in medicine as a career.

Harvey is an expert at skiing, and likes basketball and football. His main interest outside his work is unfortunately at some distance from California. Her name is Laura Fenimore and she lives in Keystone, Pennsylvania. The interest isn't just casual, either. Harvey met her on May 24 and on May 27 he asked her to marry him.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Mrs. Alice Thompson, manager of the Letterman PX, returned last week completely herself again after her recent operation. It seems that her husband Bill listened in on her remarks when she was coming out of the anesthetic, and inquired afterwards "Who was that fellow 'Pete' you were talking about?" To which "Tommy" replied "That wasn't Pete, that was St. Peter. He wouldn't let me in, so I came back, and here I am!"

Evelyn Webb of Military Personnel has resigned to take a position in city civil service.

Eve Guth of Dental Service is rejoicing this week over a favorable ruling from the Civil Service Commission in Washington.

Welcome to Joan Gottschalk, of Laramie, Wyoming, newcomer to Civilian Personnel office. Joan is taking over the duties of Jack Taylor, who recently resigned.

Mrs. James O'Connell, the former Helen Smith of Detachment of Patients, is resigning, and in two weeks will say goodbye to business life and hello to the business of being solely a homemaker.

Arlene Chapman of ward S-1 who has been at Letterman nearly two years, has resigned and will in future be working at Mount Zion Hospital.

A welcome to two new S-1 employees, Mary Jane Hawley and Beverly Lilly.

Rebecca Garcia of the Chaplain's office is back on duty after a three-week leave, and contrary to the usual, she lost instead of gained weight. Must have been the 6000 mile trip. She reports that she liked Taos, New Mexico, so well she wants to return there again next year for her vacation.

Regretfully we report the departure of Warren Conlin from Civilian Personnel. Fortunately he is not going far. He will be with Sixth Army.

Winifred Kirk of Occupational Therapy has resigned to make preparations for her forthcoming wedding which is to take place in November. The lucky man is George Cary.

Bill Dietz of the Laundry vacationed in the Catalina Islands, also visiting San Diego, Tia Juana, and Los Angeles. "Know our State" is his motto.

It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why you did it wrong.—**Henry W. Longfellow.**

"KNEPPIE" COMPLETES FOUR YEARS AS DENTAL HYGIENIST AT LETTERMAN



Miss EMILY KNEPP
Dental Hygienist at Letterman

This month Miss Emily Knepp of the Dental Branch completed four years at Letterman, and she says she has enjoyed every bit of it. She is one of Letterman's two dental hygienists. Her duties include cleaning teeth and giving certain dental treatments, and not only does she do the work, she is even good enough to furnish reminders to those of the Letterman personnel who may slip up in reminding themselves that it is again time for that semi-annual teeth-cleaning routine.

Judging from the comments of her patients, there is none of that traditional reluctance to sit in the dental chair when "Kneppie" is officiating.

She was born in Woodland, Pennsylvania, and studied dental hygiene at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. After her graduation she worked for a time in the Woodland public schools, then went into private practice with a Woodland dentist. After her brother became a dentist, she was associated with him.

She decided to go into the field of dental hygiene in civil service in September 1942, and spent a year in that work at Fort Benning, Georgia. Then she had a chance to transfer to Letterman, and welcomed it, because as she puts it, "I like the East, but I love San Francisco."

After the war ended and gas rationing was a thing of the past, Kneppie flew East and brought back her car, which makes exploring the territory hereabouts twice as easy, and trips are one of her favorite pastimes. This year she spent her vacation at Lake Tahoe. Some of her other pastimes are dancing, the theatre, swimming, reading, knitting, and playing cards. "There's hardly anything I don't like to do," she says.

Her only problem is one that a lot of people would like to have—it wouldn't be a problem, it would be a pleasure. The problem is trying to gain weight—she weighs 104—and eat as she will, the scales still say 104.



To S/Sgt and Mrs. Grayson Staley, a boy, **Clifford York**, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born 16 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Gilbert Morehouse, a girl, **Katherine Lee**, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces, born 16 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles Cornette, a boy, **Glenn Douglas**, weight 7 pounds, born 16 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. John Babel, a girl, **Georgia Kathryn**, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces, born 16 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Walter Rodgers, a boy, **Gary Gene**, weight 8 pounds and 8½ ounces, born 16 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Henry Timmons Bess, a boy, **Michael Morrow**, weight 7 pounds and 1½ ounces, born 17 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert Oluf Swendsen, Sr., a boy, **Robert Oluf, Jr.**, weight 8 pounds and 12½ ounces, born 17 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Lawrence Squire, a girl, **Linda Jean**, weight 8 pounds and 13 ounces, born 18 September.

To Cpl. and Mrs. James W. Orr, a boy, **Howard DeWayne**, weight 4 pounds and 9 ounces, born 19 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Benjamin Motte, a son, **Michael James**, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces, born 21 September.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Charles Grosshart, a girl, **Barbara Ann**, weight 7 pounds and 10½ ounces, born 22 September.

Library

Bob Macklin decided to settle down to farming after he had been discharged from the service. He and Liz, his wife, found the New England farm they wanted and everything would have been all right if they hadn't been so curious about the past history of the place. They poked into a mystery of a coat and some carpenter tools and turned loose a horror in the New England town that reached a bitter climax. Gina Dessart tells you about it in her book "A Man Died Here." In the Library.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

M/Sgt. Howard Holmes, who recently re-enlisted at Letterman, has joined the Hospital Train Section and will assume the duties of Sergeant Major upon the departure of S/Sgt. Melvin Drasher for the Camp Kilmer Detachment of the organization.

The latest addition to the ranks of the non-commissioned officers of the organization is T/5 Walter Klasno.

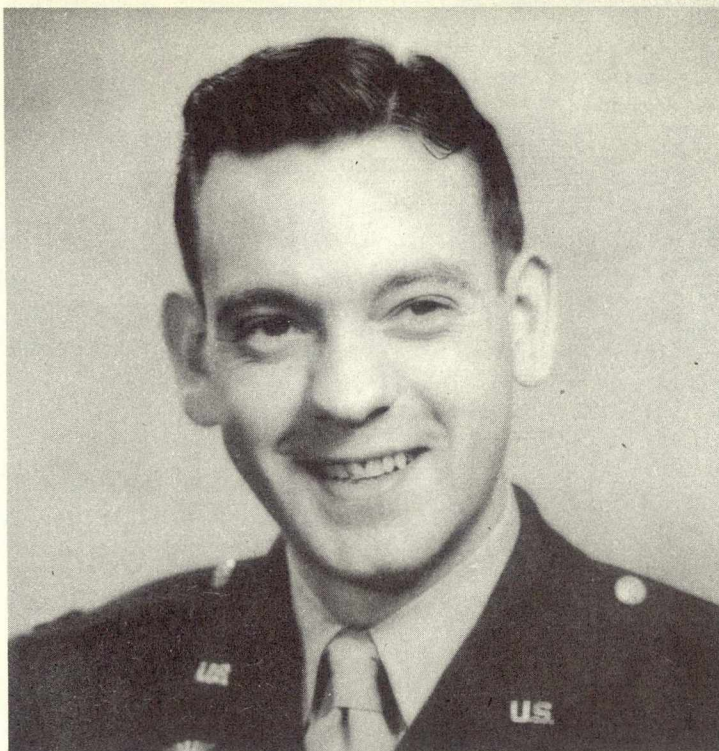
The latest group of debark patients arrived on the U. S. Army Hospital Ship Mercy on the nineteenth, and spent a week at Crissy Annex while the countless details incidental to a hospital train movement were attended to. When orders from Washington were received, patients and attendants were assigned to their respective cars, the transportation office made final arrangements with the railroads while the maintenance branch made last minute checks on the rolling stock. Medical supplies were put aboard and the kitchen facilities were stocked with food the day before departure. Then the patients and attendant personnel boarded the trains and were soon on their way. "It's all in a week's work," remarked one non-com as he watched the cars being pulled through the Marina Gate.

At this writing, Queenie, the Train Section's unofficial mascot, still has one puppy left. No one has voiced a claim as yet, nor has a name been devised for this fat little fellow.

Library

Dave Gay was only a young boy, but he knew that you mustn't lose your head in an emergency. When he and Lucy were trapped in a cave by the incoming tide, he climbed with her to a ledge and held her there until they were rescued. He was blamed for the accident and as Lucy's father was a powerful ship owner, Dave was afraid of the consequences and ran away. He became a sailor, as all his family before him, and in a sailing ship learned the lessons which only the sea can teach. Adventure piles up, enough to satisfy anyone who enjoys a period novel full of the smell of salt air and the sight of sails. It is "Morning Light," by Tomlinson. In the Library.

HE LIKED THE ARMY SO WELL HE CAME BACK FOR MORE OF THE SAME



Captain LEON T. TAYLOE, MAC
Chief of Training Branch at Letterman

Captain Leon T. Tayloe's duties as Chief of Training Branch at Letterman include handling all details of the hospital's training program for both officers and enlisted personnel. This includes the residency and intern program for medical officers; all special courses away from the post, and the courses given on the post for enlisted personnel.

Captain Tayloe was born in Hazard, Kentucky, and attended Kentucky Wesleyan College in Winchester, Kentucky. Before he entered the Army he was with the Lincoln Bank and Trust Company in Louisville. He has been in the Army six years, since July 1941, and was first with the 8th Division, 28th Field Artillery, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After what he terms particularly cheerless maneuvers at a spot inappropriately named Cheery Valley, Tennessee, Captain Tayloe went to OCS, at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and after he received his commission in the Medical Administrative Corps, was assigned to duty at the station hospital at Fort Benning, Georgia. Shortly after that he was sent to the station hospital at Camp McCall, North Carolina.

He went overseas in 1944 with

the 98th General Hospital, and his two years overseas service, which included duty in England, France and Germany, was all with the 98th, of which he became detachment commander. He returned to the United States in January 1946, received his discharge and returned home to Kentucky. But after three months as a civilian he decided to come back to Army life, and returned to duty, this time with the 79th Field Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois. When the 79th came to Letterman about a year ago, Captain Tayloe came as Lieut.-Col. Lawrence B. Hanson's executive officer, and was later assigned to his present duties.

Captain Tayloe found romance as well as work in the Army. He met the girl who is now his wife, the former Lieut. Mildred Ward, ANC, while they were both overseas with the 98th General Hospital. They were married after their return to the States.

Although he enjoys all sports if he is in the role of spectator, Captain Tayloe says the only one he personally does anything about is fishing. However, he remains reticent when it comes to telling fish stories.

MEDICAL DETACH

At 0945 last Sunday morning the big white busses rolled away for a day of fun and frolicking. It was the detachment picnic. Three hundred turned out to relax and enjoy themselves at Boyes Springs, in Sonoma County. From the time of arrival to 4:00 in the afternoon, the air was full of noise and laughter.

Two softball teams were organized with LeRoy Hessler, George Margheim, Ellis McDiffett, Harry Doyle, and Charles McClue partially composing team number one. They competed against Leon Stein, Milton Liechty, Johnson, Gibson, Sgt. Smith, and Sgt. Oxenrider of team number two. Sgt. Barden acted as umpire. The reward to the winning team members were new shiny silver dollars. And the final score was so close—8 to 9. During the intervals of the game the crowd was serenaded by the 358th Band.

Sgt. La Velle certainly earned the congratulations of everyone for the excellent food. Fried chicken with all the trimmings, potato salad, and cokes were served. Many relatives of detachment personnel were present. At the chow line stood Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Robbins, and Sgt. Crump and his wife. At one of the nearby tables was Sgt. Peter Lee and his family. Leon Stein, Bob Richardson, Bobby Bell, Don Barney, and Edith Altenburg never seemed to move away from the "refreshment" counter.

There was a lot of bicycle riding going on all day. Two energetic fellows got up so much enthusiasm they collided head on with one of the larger trees. And despite the gang in the swimming pool, dunking and splashing, there were no casualties. For those with unbounded energy, there was also dancing. Johnny Lemanski put on a jitterbug exhibition almost all afternoon.

The last cheerful note was sounded by the owner of Boyes Springs. He said that the Letterman bunch was the nicest he ever had there and that they would always be welcome.

Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt, or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us, by a constant, steady, uniform, insensible operation, like that of the air we breathe in.—Edmund Burke.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

More than 13,000 veterans a day are receiving treatment and care in Veterans Administration hospitals and domiciliary homes in the VA Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.)

Under VA's new Department of Medicine and Surgery the finest doctors on the west coast are contributing their time and talents to treatment of veteran patients.

VA recently compiled the 10 questions veterans ask most frequently about hospitalization.

Question: Just which veterans are entitled to hospitalization in a VA hospital?

Answer: Veterans with service-connected disabilities have top priority for VA hospital care. Veterans with nonservice-connected ailments may be hospitalized under the existing law if beds are available and if they say they cannot afford treatment elsewhere.

Q. How and where do I apply for hospitalization?

A. See your nearest VA contact representative or apply at a VA regional office or hospital. A letter addressed to the nearest VA office also will suffice. In an emergency, call the nearest VA office, collect. VA representatives will then handle the necessary application and other forms.

Q. Do I have to pay anything for VA hospitalization?

A. No, all charges are borne by the Federal government.

Q. Can I go to a private hospital in my home town and have VA pay the bill?

A. Yes, if you have a service-connected disability and receive VA's approval first.

Q. What papers should I bring with me when I apply for VA hospitalization?

A. Bring your honorable discharge certificate or a certified copy. If you already have been granted compensation for a service-connected disability, all you need is your "C" number.

Q. Will VA pay for the medical care of my dependents?

A. No. Under existing laws, only veterans are eligible for VA hospital care.

Q. Do I have a choice as to which hospital I will go to?

A. Generally, a veteran is assigned to the hospital nearest his home. However, crowded conditions in certain hospitals, or the type of injury or disease suffered by the

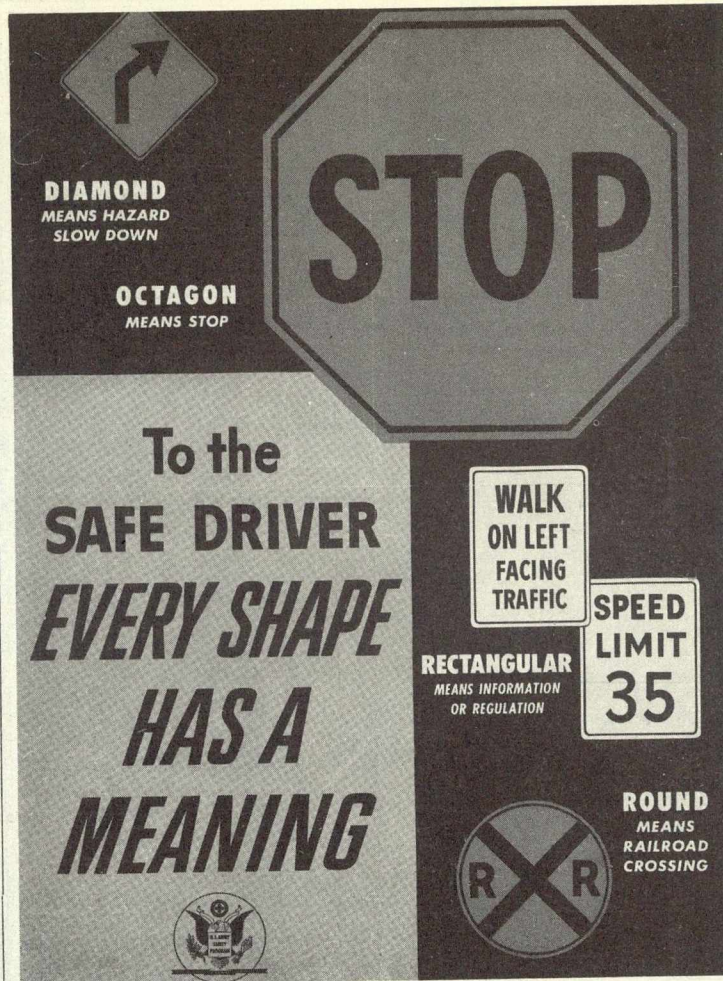
veteran and similar conditions might result in the veteran being assigned to a special center or hospital in another section of the country.

Q. Can my relatives visit me while I am in the hospital?

A. Yes. All VA hospitals have special hours set aside each day for visitors, the same as civilian hospitals.

Q. Will my disability compensation be taken away from me if I am hospitalized in a VA hospital?

A. If you are single, your compensation will be paid to you in full every month for the first six months; but, if your treatment or care extends beyond six months, your monthly benefit payment may not exceed 50 per cent of the regular rate, or \$30 per month, whichever is the greater. If the regular rate is \$30 or less, it will not be reduced. Upon discharge by VA, you will receive a lump sum equal to the amount that was withheld after the six-month period. If you have a dependent or dependents, your compensation payments will continue at the full rate for the entire period of your hospitalization.



Wedding Bells

Three September weddings involving Lettermanites were on the events-of-the-month list. Dr. Frederic W. Rhinelander (formerly Major Rhinelander of LGH) and Miss Julie C. Hale of Oakland were married 12 September in the Post Chapel by Chaplain (Captain) Albert F. Click. Colonel John D. Blair, MC, was best man and Mrs. Minerva Curtice was matron of honor. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Presidio Officers Club.

On 9 September First Lieut. Charles E. Botts, Jr., and First Lieut. Bernice Ratzlow, ANC, both Letterman patients, were married in the Letterman chapel by Chaplain Click. First Lieut. Barbara Wingo, ANC, of Letterman, was maid of honor, and William M. Smith was best man.

This week, on Monday, 20 September, First Lieut. Kathryn L. Williams, ANC, became the bride of Major Phil Dietz, Letterman patient. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Click in the Post Chapel. Best man and matron of honor were T/Sgt. and Mrs. Carl Stein.

Anything For A Laugh

"You always seem to have something for the man in the top apartment."

Postman (wearily): Yes, I once had a row with him, and ever since he has sent himself a postcard every day because he knows I have to climb five flights of stairs to deliver it."

A visiting Texan was enjoying the wonders of California as pointed out by a native.

"What beautiful grapefruit," he said as they passed a grove of citrus trees.

"Grapefruit! Why those are lemons and small ones at that because of the comparatively bad season," explained the Californian.

"Look at those watermelons," the Texan enthused.

"Watermelons! Those are raisins," his host declared.

Presently they reached the Sacramento River, "Ah," said the longhorn, "I see someone's radiator is leaking."

What the average man likes about the average girl is his arms.

Library

New England is traditionally "sot in her ways," and an extremely well-written account of those traditions and the breaking of them is in "The Garretson Chronicle," by G. W. Brace. Three generations of the family are presented in the story of the transition from the late 19th century to the present. Some of the Garretson's never did escape the past, some lived in a transcendental dream, but a few faced the present bravely. One of these was Ralph who made an effort to reconcile his own vision of personal freedom with the demands of family and society. In the Library.

It is no coincidence that our high standard of living and the expansion of American industry have been simultaneous with the development of research. American industry today enjoys an enviable position because it has learned the true value of new knowledge and the use of the laboratory. Research has served industry, and industry serves mankind. It was not the research laboratory which won the war—it was the industrial application of research results translated by industry into equipment, apparatus and devices.—J. E. Hobson.



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Preparations Now Complete for Armed Forces Unification

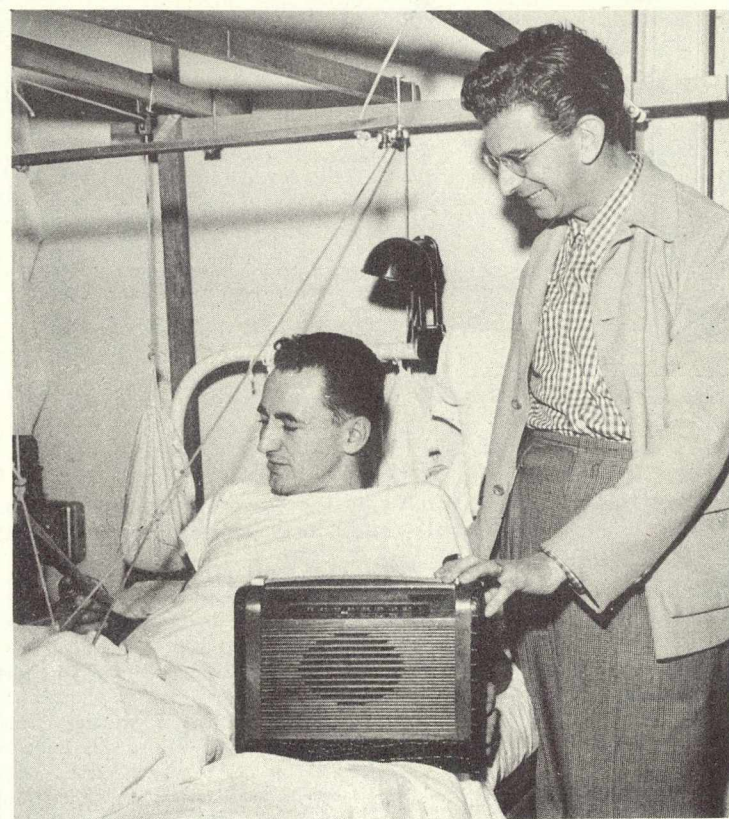
Washington (AFPS)—The recent swearing in of James V. Forrestal as the nation's first Secretary of Defense marked the official commencement of the most extensive reorganization of the military forces of the United States since the American Revolution. The National Security Act of 1947, which provides for the unification of the armed services under one Secretary with Cabinet status, went into effect the following midnight.

Forrestal, named to the post in late July, took the oath of office five days earlier than planned under the special orders from President Truman, then at sea aboard the S. S. Missouri. The President called for the early administration of oath, according to Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross, because of "the whole international situation."

Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan and Secretary of the Air Force W. Stuart Symington were sworn in the following day by Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson in the offices of Kenneth C. Royall, new Secretary of the Army. Mr. Royall did not take oath, since he had previously done so when named Secretary of War.

Mr. Forrestal, who served as Secretary of the Navy from May, 1944, had informed the President previous to the brief ceremonies that most preparations for the change-over through the unification had been completed.

The National Security Act, in creating the new military establishment, calls for: integration of foreign, domestic and military policy; unification of the Army, Navy, and the new Dept. of the Air Force; the total unified mobilization in wartime. It also marks the beginning of a new nomenclature replacing many long-retained titles and names.



FIRST "FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD" WINNER
Ira Blue, sports editor of ABC, presents Private Gustav G. Franzen of San Francisco, patient on ward E-2, with the radio he won by correctly predicting 33 out of 40 winners in last week's football games. Franzen is already consulting the scoreboard list for this week's games to see if he can do as well or better again. Having won his radio, he just wants to help out his pals.

The War Dept. is now termed the Dept. of the Army, and the Navy Dept. has become the Dept. of the Navy. The Army Air Forces is now called the United States Air Force, while its parent civilian organization is named the Dept. of the Air Force.

Plans for the organization of the Air Force are among the most important of the reorganization. Ac-

cording to Secretary Royall, they include the transfer of 400,000 enlisted men and officers from the Army. Air Forces personnel currently totals 325,000 officers and men, including 11,000 non-effectives. Gen. Carl Spaatz, Commanding General of the old Army Air Forces, is expected to be appointed Chief-of-Staff for the Air Force. In this capacity he

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LGH Patient Wins Radio for Football Score Predictions

Football fans among the Letterman patients now have an opportunity each week to compete for a special prize offered by Ira Blue, sports editor of the American Broadcasting Company, on his "Football Scoreboard" broadcast. The contest here got under way last week, and the first winner was Private Gustav G. Franzen of San Francisco, patient on ward E-2. The weekly prize is a Philco portable radio, complete with batteries, which also plays on AC or DC current. It is a 1948 pre-release, not yet on the commercial market.

Each week on Monday scoreboard lists of the football games scheduled for the following Saturday are distributed by Special Services to patients on the wards. All they need to do to compete for the prize is to check the teams they think will be the winners in each of the games. The patient who correctly predicts the highest number of winners will receive a radio. The lists should be returned to Special Services not later than Friday noon. Last week Private Franzen predicted 33 winners out of 40 to earn his radio.

Letterman patients are not competing with the general public for these prizes, although the broadcast offers general prizes each week. But Ira Blue, who did over 100 shows at LGH during the war, has arranged that there will be a special prize each week for the patients here.

The radios are given by the Philco Corporation and the J. M. Long Company of San Francisco. In case of ties duplicate prizes are awarded.

Scoreboard games are previewed and winners announced by Ira Blue each Monday evening at 10 p. m. over station KGO, and final scores are given on Saturday at the same hour.

Fort Point Declared Surplus, May Be National Monument

Fort Point, the now obsolete bastion which guarded the Golden Gate for years and never fired a hostile shot, will shortly be declared surplus by the Army, General Mark W. Clark announced last week.

General Clark said he will declare the old fort resting on a low promontory directly below the southern approach to the Golden Gate Bridge, as excess to the needs of harbor defense and he will recommend to the Department of the Army that the picturesque old fort be maintained as a national monument by the Federal, State or City government.

The general public of the San Francisco Bay area had its first opportunity in many years to explore the ancient parapets of Fort Point last March when the Sixth Army observed the 100th anniversary of the U. S. Army's occupation of the Presidio.

Designed as a harbor defense for an era of full-riggers, Fort Point, was declared obsolete in 1905. In that same year construction was started on Fort Winfield Scott in the hills rising just south of Fort Point and now the home of the Seacoast Branch of the Army Ground Forces' Artillery School.

Fort Point's batteries were finally abandoned in 1914 and since then the massive structure has been empty and all but forgotten. Occasionally, classes from the Seacoast Artillery School go there to study the fort's design and to reflect how useless it would be under a blockbuster attack.

When the first Spaniards led by that hardy adventurer and colonizer, Don Juan Bautista de Anza, founded the Presidio in 1776, a white cliff 100 feet high rose on the side of Fort Point.

On top of this cliff the Spaniards mounted a three-pound brass cannon tied to a log to warn all mariners that they could enter the harbor only by the leave of His Majesty, Carlos II of Spain.

In 1792 when Captain Vancouver and HMS "Discovery" approached the Spanish settlement, his ship was saluted by the three-pounder which, it is recorded, burst into ten pieces the following year while firing a salute on a Saint's Day, leaving the Presidio no defenses save that provided by muskets and balls.

Meanwhile, the Spaniards began the construction of El Castillo de San Joaquin at Fort Point at an outlay of \$6,400. Twelve embrasures



FORT POINT, SILENT SENTINEL OF THE GOLDEN GATE

Soon to be declared surplus by the Army, Fort Point, which was never called upon to fire a single hostile round, may be maintained as a national monument.

pierced its heavy adobe walls. From these protruded cannon which had been cast a century before in Lima, Peru. Four of these same cannon now adorn the Presidio grounds.

The Spanish fort was tattered by storms, earthquakes and fog for more than half a century, until the "Bear" Flag revolt of 1846, when a small patrol, led by John C. Fremont and Kit Carson, crossed the bay from Sausalito under cover of darkness, scaled the fort's dusty walls and spiked its guns.

Soon after California joined the Union, the War Department decided San Francisco harbor needed a more substantial fortress than the old Spanish adobe. Army engineers studied the designs of many forts, picked Fort Sumter as the best on which to model a bastion for the Golden Gate.

First the 100-foot cliff was cut down to a solid rock foundation rising some 16 feet above the water. On this was constructed the present fort, a rough quadrangle some 250 feet long and 150 feet wide, rising in four tiers surrounding an inner courtyard and parade ground.

Its walls are four feet thick of brick, masonry and granite. Bastioned by three spiral staircase towers, and protected from the breakers by the massive sea wall, the fort embodied in its day the most advanced principles of military construction. The Fortress was built to withstand long sieges. Iron pipes built into the masonry carried rain water from the roof through the walls to cistern carved in the solid rock beneath the courtyard. Pumps were installed to raise the water to any level desired.

Its store rooms could hold 120 days' rations for 600 men. Stables, smithies and wheel wright shops were located on the ground tier. Ammunition magazines were tunneled into the massive foundation. Shot furnaces also were installed. These have long since disappeared, and only the winches for hoisting the shot to the topmost gun emplacements remain.

Quarters for officers with families and troop barracks were located on the land side of the second and third tiers.

The fort was completed in 1861.

Two companies of the Third Artillery were assigned to garrison it and to man its 149 guns, including 8-inch Columbiads, 42-, 32-, and 24-pounders.

More armament was added in later years—10-inch breech-loading rifles on disappearing carriages, mortars and dynamite guns—making the fort, in its day, the most formidable unit in the Pacific Coast defenses.

During the Spanish-American War, Fort Point was garrisoned by two batteries of artillerymen and three companies of the 8th California Volunteers. It remained in a state of readiness, but no Spaniards came near.

In fact, the fort was never called upon to fire a single hostile round. Grim, forbidding and formidable, it accomplished its mission simply by being there, a silent sentinel of the Golden Gate.

Now in an age of long range bombing fleets, guided missiles and atom bombs, the fort, as far as its military usefulness goes, is outmoded as the walls of Jerico.

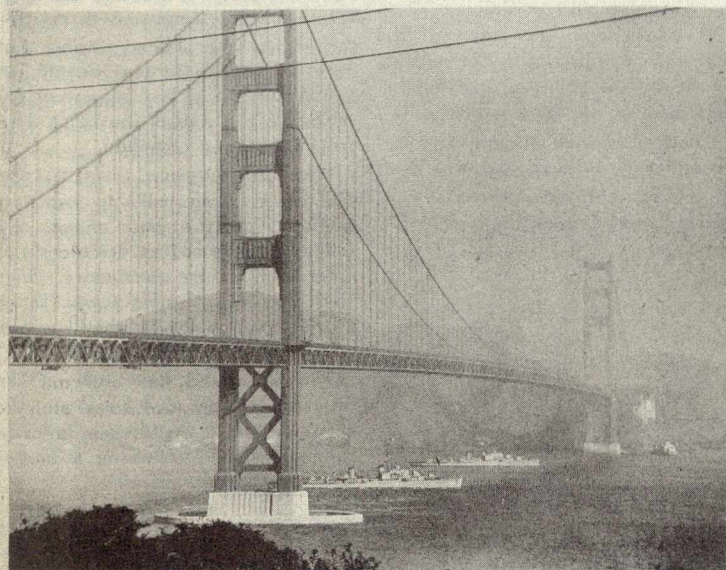
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



COMPLIMENTS
Howard Sevedge patient on ward D-2, compliments Darline Denise of the HVEC show on her dancing.



BETTER THAN WRITING YOUR OWN
Red Cross Gray Lady Mrs. Richard M. Odie writes a letter for Manuel Avila of ward E-2.



WHEN THE FLEET CAME IN
Two of the 56 ships of the First Task Fleet that came through the Golden Gate last Saturday.



DAILY FOOTBALL AT LGH
Full of football fever, patients and detachment personnel play football every day during lunch hour on the LGH Parade grounds.

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EDITORIAL

TO HELP OTHERS

If you were asked to help someone in trouble, either with money or with advice, your sympathy for the individual involved would no doubt prompt you to do all that you could for that person. But most of us do not come in personal contact with those who need help. They go to the agencies set up for such purposes.

Once a year these agencies appeal to the public through the medium of the Community Chest Fund. For 25 years San Francisco has held one annual fund-raising campaign to provide the wherewithal for 70 social agencies to carry on their work. These agencies help the needy of all ages, without regard for creed or color, help them when their need is acute. Through your contribution to the Community Chest Fund you can know that you are helping individuals.

The goal set for the San Francisco campaign, which will continue all through the month of October, is \$3,327,000. The quota for Letterman has been set at \$2500. Personnel are urged to make their contributions through the hospital, rather than at their place of residence. Division chairmen have been appointed to accept cash donations and pledges.

If each of the 70 agencies who obtain funds through the Community Chest drive conducted separate campaigns, you would doubtless give at

WAC

For the first time in 19 months the shins of T/3 "Billy" Maples connected with a foot-locker. She hopes that it will never happen again. We understand what she means.

Many members of the WAC Detachment visited the Navy ships last Sunday. T/4 Frances Black, T/ Bess Jeffries, S/Sgt. Violet Collings, and S/Sgt. Elizabeth Hess were the lucky ones who went aboard the "Iowa" and that was because they knew a Major from the Letterman staff who asked them if they wanted to visit the ship. Of course they said yes, so they went aboard as his guests.

T/3 Ginny Hill, T/5 "Chris" Christiansen, and T/5 "Tiny" Hicks went aboard the light cruiser "Pasadena." During the tour of the ship Chris asked the guide "Oh, what is that cute little thing over there?" He answered, "That is a 40 mm gun." "Well, I still think it's cute," Chris insisted. Oh, well . . .

That amazing enegry of T/5 Martha Shortle seems never to end. No matter how hard she works during the day, or how late she hits the sack, she always somehow or other gets up early enough in the morning to wake up the birds.

Those San Francisco sand fleas have not had the time to visit the gals in 213, yet. But it is understood that they are giving the gals in 212 a bit of a bad time.

Friendly Neighbor Policy is at an end. The neighbors from 213X moved away to Crissy Field, but the Friendly Policy still continues with the gals in 213.

Style Note The WACs are not allowed to lengthen their skirts to the new length. Oh well, we understand that the men don't like the new skirt lengths, anyway.

Many WACs visited the ships over the week-end, but T/4 Henrietta Collari and Sgt. Dorothy Gustafson ate supper in a submarine with the crew. They had T-bone steak, too—and for Sunday night supper at that!

Only two more pay-days before Christmas—just a reminder.

Remember that the Sixth Army WAC Ping-Pong Tournament is to be held at Letterman in January.

least a dime to each, and consider it painless giving. Why not make your contribution on that basis?



Captain Marie L. Pace, ANC, of Out-Patient Service, will take off tomorrow on a 30-day leave. She plans to spend it at her home in South Hill, Virginia.

Marjor Anne K. Pilegard, ANC, recently returned from Army-Navy General Hospital, where she was a patient, has gone on a 15-day leave. She is visiting at the home of her brother in Fresno.

First Lieuts. Leath Shaffer and Beatrice Sandhoff, who spend so many of their week ends at Carmel that they now regard it as their second home, went to the Horse Show and Fair in Monterey last week end. While there they ran into two others from Physical Therapy, First Lieuts. Dorothy Glidden and Ruth Campbell, who had driven down in Lieut. Campbell's car "Maggie" and were staying at Pacific Grove.

Capt. Velma Richardson, chief dietitian, will represent Letterman at a training symposium of hospital food service supervisors to be held in Philadelphia 13-18 October. Capt. Richardson will also attend the American Dietetic Convention, which will be going on in Philadelphia during the same week.

Lieuts. Charlotte Higgins and Eunice Moratz of the dietitians staff thoroughly enjoyed a recent week-end spent at Yosemite.

Lieut. Alice Bechtelheimer, ANC, left this week for a 15-day leave, and will spend it visiting friends in Portland and in Los Angeles.

A new member of the dietitians staff arrived last week from Walter Reed—Lieut. Beulah Nye. It's a return trip to LGH for Lieut. Nye, because she came into the Army here in 1945. Her home is in Litchfield, California.

Lieut. Nina Newman, ANC, left this week to spend a seven-day leave in Long Beach. She will be the guest of Mrs. William Henderson (formerly Lieut. Joan McManus of Letterman).

Back to duty after a 21-day leave spent with her parents in Durham,

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 5 October, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730/30

Masses Sunday / at 0600 and 0800.

Rosary Devotions: 1 1 Oct. to 2 Nov.

Week days at 1 1915. Sundays after 0800 Mass. s.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 180000.

Wedding Bells

A romance that had its inception on one of the wards at Letterman four years ago culminated this morning at the Chapel of Our Lady in the Presidio when a Lieut. Ann B. Bakalar was united in matrimony with Captain Alvin J. J. Kisting in the presence of a group of former and present Lettermanites.

Lieut. Bakalar came into the Regular Army Nurse Corps in July 1941 and was assigned to Letterman for her first station. She remained here three years before going overseas with the 120th Evacuation Hospital for duty in the ETO. When the fighting ceased she returned to the United States and duty at Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio and last year went over to join the staff of the 147th General Hospital in Honolulu.

While at Letterman Lieut. Bakalar was always "on call" to assist at weddings in the post chapel and rolled up a record as bridesmaid at nineteen marriage ceremonies, which gives her the old adage "thrice a bridesmaid never a bride" in view of the ceremony this morning.

The lieutenant has tendered her resignation from the army and the newlyweds will make their home in Dubuque, Iowa, following a honeymoon at Carmel.

New Hampshire, is Lieut. Henrietta Henderson of the dietitians staff.

When Lieut. Margaret Bohn of the dietitians staff left this week for Battle Creek, Michigan, on a 30-day leave, she had hopes that she will be driving back. She intends to try to pick up a new car while she's at home.

WAC OF THE WEEK



HELEN L. BROWN
Corporal

Corporal Helen Brown of the Brace Shop first came into the WAC because she was the only one eligible in her family, "and I thought it was a poor family that couldn't produce one soldier for each war," she says.

She was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and grew up there, but has lived in and around Los Angeles for enough years to make her feel that it is now her home town. At present her home is in Alhambra. She recently returned from an emergency furlough, having been called home because of the death of her father.

Before she joined the Army, Corporal Brown was in personnel work in an employment agency. She came into the WAC in October 1944, and went to Des Moines for her basic training. Her first assignment was at the Station Hospital at Santa Ana, California, only 35 miles from her home, and she remained there for a year. She worked in the Occupational Therapy shop where she learned crafts and was given the assignment of teaching them on the wards.

She received her discharge in 1945, and spent ten months as a civilian, a period to which she refers as a "long vacation." Last August she re-enlisted in the WAC. A week later she broke her ankle and was sent to McCornack General Hospital for treatment. After she had a walking cast she worked in the O. T. Shop there. When she left the hospital her next duty assignment was at Hamilton Field, again in O.T. She requested a transfer to Letterman, and here she is on duty in the Brace Shop, getting on-the-job training learning to make the various braces, belts and other appliances made here at LGH.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Where's Susie? Ward C-2 patients are looking for the little kitten that wandered on to their ward. Stayed just long enough to get acquainted with everyone, then left again.

Ward L-1's former wardmaster, Mariano Alipine, is now a patient on Ward C-2. He wishes he wasn't quite so sick so he could enjoy being waited on to the fullest extent.

Michael Gahar, patient on Ward F-1, intends to be a social worker when he gets back into civilian life. He is studying psychology through a University of California correspondence course. Beside his social work Mike is interested in languages, art and writing poetry as hobbies.

Victor Folomeo can be seen almost any sunny day at Marina Beach getting a sun tan. He'd better hurry, because winter's on the way.

Twenty patients enjoyed last week's Discussion Group program. The speaker for the evening was Ed Radenzell, who presents the program, "Let's Look at the Map," over station KYA. This group meets on alternate Wednesdays at 1900 hours on Ward D-2. The program begins with a short speech by one of various professors, news commentators, or businessmen. The speech is followed by questions from the audience, group discussion and debate.

One of the younger patients at LGH is Carlton Rolfe, 13 years old. Carl is the son of S/Sgt. Leon Rolfe of Hamilton Field. He is on Ward C-1 following an appendectomy.

Norman Herman has been a patient at LGH since May '46. During his stay here he has put in many interesting hours at the O.T. Shop. He specializes in ceramics and silversmithing. By combining the two arts, he has made, among other things, a beautiful set of cups, and saucers.

Buster Bailey has fun holding out on fellow patients on Ward C-2. He frequently gets cakes and cookies from home. He caches the "goodies"

She likes to play bridge, though she says it's difficult to find a bridge-minded foursome in the detachment. Most of all she enjoys exploring in her car, a vehicle known as "Becky."

and only nibbles at them after dark when everyone else is asleep.

The Educational Recondition Office reports five patients have enrolled recently for studies at San Francisco Junior College. They are Maurice Watts, Clinton Logas, Howard Murphy, Charles Kahman and Wayne Ham.

Six members of the Photography Club made a field trip to Golden Gate Zoo last Wednesday. The patients were Max T. Borchert, Frank J. Anneberg, Vernon F. Newton, Edwin Chick, Yun Chen and Victor Jacquot. Besides an opportunity to take interesting amusing pictures, they all agreed to having a wonderful time. The trip was planned and directed by WAC T/5 Sally Craig.

Nathaniel Paige has been taking full advantage of facilities at the Remedial O.T. shop. In a short he has made several useful articles. At present he is finishing a walnut veneer corner cupboard.

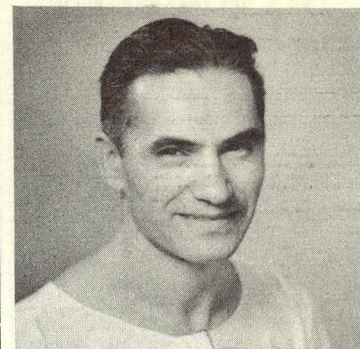
The winners of USAFT's Silver Dollars at last Thursday's quiz program in the Recreation Hall were: David Allen, Noel Landry, Phil Costanzo, Marshall Wollam, Lonnie Davis, Kenneth Nadeau, Louis Colunga, Norman Aldrich, Hans Gaare, and Ronnie Cable. Did they buy the coffee?

Larry Joubert, patient on Ward K-2, was seen polishing his new Olds the other day. He was attempting to induce some of the other patients to help him, but without much success. Tom Sawyer did it, why can't Joubert?

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a. m., Dick Russ of Ward 1 will entertain patients when he sings over the Bedside Network, Station KLGH. Dick sings both popular and semi-classical songs, and will sing request numbers. His accompanist is pianist Jimmy Dougliesh.

Arthur Jergensen of Ward B-2 has just returned from a furlough which he spent at home in North Dakota. He says he had a swell time, but claims his golf game suffered while he was away. He was shooting in the low nineties before he left, but his first score card after getting back showed beaucoup strokes. Report says it was 105, but Art isn't talking.

ON THE SPOT



STEPHEN KERNISH
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 Stephen Kernish is now doing his second stint in the Army. He was in the artillery during the war, but says that when he re-enlisted he "wanted to try the medics, and I'm glad I did."

He was born in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and was a steel worker before he came into the Army. His Army life began in February 1943, and he was first sent to Camp Swift, Texas, where he remained for five months. Then, after maneuvers in Louisiana, he went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, again for five months. After a short time at San Luis Obispo and Camp Cooke, he went overseas in February 1945 with the 97th Division.

"You might say I just got there in time for the grand finale," says Steve. However, he arrived in Germany in time to be in action for another five months before V-E Day ended the war in Europe.

After his return to the United States he was about to see action in the Pacific Theatre, and was bound for Japan when the war ended in August 1945. In November he received his discharge, and returned to his job in the steel mill in Pennsylvania. He remained there for nine months, then decided he wanted more Army life, so he re-enlisted. After a brief time at Camp Polk, Louisiana, he was sent to Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. When Halloran closed he came to Letterman, arriving here in January of this year. He is assigned to duty in the Operating Room.

Steve is expecting his family to join him soon. At present they are in Pennsylvania. His 17-year-old daughter, Ellen, visited him this summer, and liked California as well as her father does.

CIVIL CIRCLES

June Grumstrup, Military Personnel, is on her vacation visiting Carmel and all points south.

Virginia Lee Smith and Pat Mockbee, both of Military Personnel, and Pat's sister, Marilyn, of Fort Mason, attended the recent Cal-Navy game at Berkeley and it says here you could tell the trio were ardent rooters for the Navy men.

Lee Baken of X-ray is on three weeks vacation and she plans to spend one week in San Francisco.

Knud Poulsen, who has been a gardener at Letterman for many years, is resigning and will go to work for the Navy Department. What's that again!!

A welcome is extended to the new employees of Letterman: Rita Jenicek, Officers Personnel; Ruth Worthing, Service Record Section; Mona Garrett, Officers Personnel; Jayne Finn, X-ray; and Winifred Dvorak, Out-Patient Service.

Maggie Trumpour, Finance, and Esther Grobler, Civilian Personnel, went to Santa Monica over the week end with the thought of spending many happy hours in the swimming pool but they came back with the sad news that the weather was "too cold and foggy."

Another resignation has come forth and this time it is Carol Lassiter of the Laundry, who will be leaving Letterman to work in San Francisco.

Mona Garrett, Officers Personnel, won the first baseball pool of the season and that made her very happy.

Mary McFadden, Public Information Office, recently attended the opera, "Madame Butterfly" and she reports that she spent a very enjoyable evening. Which reminds us of the joke about the man, who when told by an opera star that she had been singing in operas for 20 years, replied, "Gee, you musta known 'Madame Butterfly' when she was a caterpillar."

Reading List

Many of the book titles in the War Department's reading list for officers (Training Circular No. 4) are available at the Letterman Library. Additional titles may be obtained at the Sixth Army library depot, building 640.

BETWEEN THE NAVY AND THE ARMY SHE TOOK IN THE U. S. AND CANADA



Miss ANNE MURANY, OTR
Of the Functional Occupational Therapy Shop

Attractive Anne Murany, one of the two registered Occupational Therapists in the functional O. T. Shop at Letterman, was doing clerical work in the Office of the Surgeon General when she first became interested in the field of Occupational Therapy. After reading some magazine articles on the subject, she found out about the schools which would give her the courses she needed, and got started without delay.

She took two years preliminary work at George Washington University in Washington, D. C., then came to California to San Jose State in the Fall of 1943 and studied O. T. for another two years.

She entered the WAVES, and was commissioned an Ensign in August 1945, just after V-J Day. After completing basic training back in Washington, D. C., she was assigned to the hospital corps with station at Mare Island hospital, and worked in O. T. there for the next year. After receiving her discharge she and two other ex-WAVES decided on a long vacation, and they spent the next four months happily driving and camping in the United States and Canada.

They began on the West Coast and their trip itinerary included

Vancouver and Victoria, Banff and Lake Louise, Spokane, Glacier National Park and Yellowstone. They spent two weeks in Chicago, which is Anne's home, then went on to the East Coast, going to Maine, Boston, New York and Washington. Then they went to New Orleans, and started the trip back to California, stopping at the Grand Canyon en route. They spent three weeks in Los Angeles, and went to San Jose for the grand finale of their trip, a Christmas celebration. "After all that time off it wasn't too easy to get back to work," says Anne.

In February she came to Letterman, which pleased her for two reasons. She likes the work here very much, and she likes to live in San Francisco. At present she has an apartment, but after December she will have a housing problem because she has to move, but she isn't crossing that bridge yet. She expects to represent Letterman at the Occupational Therapy convention to be held at Coronado in November, and is looking forward to that event with pleasure.

Dancing and going to football and baseball games are tops on her list of off-duty pastimes. Her favorites among the crafts she teaches are weaving and ceramics.



To Capt. and Mrs. Charles Trounson, Jr., a boy, **James Wesley**, born 23 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Benjamin Slesinger, a girl, **Nina Ann**, born 23 September.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Stanley Paul Korczyk, a girl, **Lois Katherine**, born 24 September.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Clifford Wendelo Hayden, a girl, **Elizabeth Anne**, born 25 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Steve Batalo, a girl, **Mickie Ann**, born 26 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Harry Bernard Morrison, Jr., a boy, **Harry Bernard III**, born 26 September.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Leung S. Jip, a boy, **Edwin Leung**, born 27 September.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald V. Hite, a boy, **John Robert**, born 27 September.

To Colonel and Mrs. Richard Bridgman, a girl, **Betsy Jeanne**, born 27 September.

To Capt. and Mrs. Raymond Kolman, a boy, **Bradley Keith**, born 30 September.

Hospital Trains Again Receive Red Cross Supplies

The Red Cross has recently resumed furnishing comfort and recreation supplies for the use of patients on the hospital train cars. Upon request to the Red Cross, a box of supplies for each trip is issued to the car commander of each hospital car.

Comfort articles such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, razors, razor blades, matches, shaving cream, bedroom slippers, sewing kits and postcards are furnished. The recreation materials supplied include checkers, dominoes, cribbage, chinese checkers, chess, song books, cigarettes, playing cards and candy bars.

The Ultimate Good desired is better reached by free trade in ideas—the best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market.—**Oliver Wendell Holmes.**

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The last of the Hospital Train Section enlisted men to be discharged under the old terminal leave system, T/5 Donald Bryant and T/5 James Oliver, left for Texas last week. Bryant was "one of the wheels" at the maintenance branch and Oliver a veteran train-rider, with a good many thousand miles of rails behind him. Both men will be greatly missed by their many friends in the organization.

S/Sgt. Granville Kirksey has been sick in quarters with a recurrence of an old back injury. T/Sgt. William Passmore has been substituting for him at the Officers' Club during his illness.

T/Sgt. James Kane is back to duty after his delay en route, spent on the east coast.

Things were a bit crowded in the barracks at the HTS for the week just before the last train movement departed. The enlisted detachment, which formerly occupied four barracks, had to move into two buildings temporarily; but by the time the trains were on the way, a semblance of order had been brought out of the chaos. Cpl. Bob Willhite seemed to have one of the more serious problems precipitated by the change—that of getting his morning paper delivered to his bedside.

Crissy Field afforded an excellent vantage point for watching the fleet enter the bay, but most of the officers and EM of the Train Unit were too busy preparing the trains for departure to give it more than a passing glance.

Early days of the Hospital Trains were recalled when the milkman who delivered his product to the train remarked that he had crossed the country on one of the old Ward cars operated by the 1960 SCU Hospital Train Unit after being wounded in combat.

Newcomers

Major Avery P. King, MC, reported for duty this week as resident in neurology, and will be on ward F-1. First Lieut. Charles R. Lambert, MCR, arrived to begin a year's assignment as interne here.

HE ASKS THE QUESTIONS ON THE NEW "BATTLE OF LETTERMAN" BROADCAST



**Technician Fifth Grade JOE GILBERT
Quizmaster on Letterman's radio station KLGH**

This week T/5 Joe Gilbert, recently assigned to duty with Letterman's radio station KLGH, went on the air here with the hospital's new quiz show, "The Battle of Letterman," a half-hour show which will be broadcast every Tuesday evening at 7 p. m.

Besides writing the script and making up the questions, Joe also acts as quizmaster. Two teams of four, made up of either patient or detachment personnel, compete for prize money offered by USAFI. Joe also broadcasts a daily record program from 4:30 to 5 p. m.—the "Hillbilly Jamboree."

Joe was born in Relay, Maryland. Shortly thereafter his family moved to Baltimore, and he grew up there. He spent two years at the University of Maryland, where he specialized in journalism. Before he entered the Army in September 1941, he played pro baseball in Baltimore for a time.

In the Army he was sent to airplane mechanics school at Keesler

Field, Mississippi. Upon completion of the course he went to Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, and while there he became interested in radio work. He transferred to the Army Airways Communication Service, and was on his way overseas when the war ended.

After receiving his discharge in November 1945 he returned to Montgomery and went to work for a local radio station, where he did general staff work. A year later, in December 1946, he re-enlisted in the Army. While on duty at Camp Stoneman, he was sent to Letterman for eye treatments, and last month when he was ready to return to duty, he was assigned to station KLGH. He writes scripts, announces, helps direct programs and runs the control board.

Radio is not only his job, it's his free time hobby as well, Joe says. Right now he's working on an idea for a show which he hopes to sell, and he has also written scripts for several "who-dun-its."

MEDICAL DETACH

Tuesday of this week saw detachment men flying toward the Recreation Hall. It was pay day again! It is the one thing that everyone likes. As George Adams said, "This is why I stay in the Army."

A sight to be seen is the awakening of Arsen Hinton in the morning. Half the barracks gathers around, the task gets under way, and finally he is up.

Let's extend a hand of welcome to M/Sgts George Barte and J. C. Horton, who recently completed the Army Information and Education Course at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. They expect to be assigned to Educational Reconditioning here.

Ray Dull, the horse expert, is carefully budgeting his pay this month. He plans to spend a great deal of time at Golden Gate Fields.

T/5 Russell Vizzi of the Chaplain's Office left last week for Fort Dix, New Jersey, assigned temporarily to a hospital train bound for that destination. He will have a 15-day delay before returning to duty, and will spend it at home in Passaic, N. J. He is looking forward to it with extra anticipation because for the first time he will see his grandfather, who has just arrived from Italy after being away from the United States for over 20 years.

Among the detachment boys who work at the YMCA are Bob Kluth and Bob Hansen. They do a nice job of keeping the place in good working condition.

How many of you have noticed the stags at the weekly "Y" dances?

It seems that no matter how many girls are present, some of the fellows still spend the evening holding up the walls. Such astute dancers as Lyle Morrison, Bruce Dryer, and Homer Vinson seldom miss the chance to attend.

If you're looking for something to do in your spare time, reading is recommended. Charles Catterlin has Ayn Rand's "Fountainhead." By the way it's nearly overdue. Jack Cratty is working on "School for Eternity." Western Stories are the favorites of Jim Schultz, with special emphasis on Zane Gray's books. Then there is always the endless parade of funny books for Tony Tangora.

WACS Win First Round in "Battle Of Letterman"

The four members who represented the WAC detachment Tuesday evening in the first broadcast of the "Battle of Letterman," over radio station KLGH, were victorious over the four patients from ward K-3 who were on the opposing team. Final score was: WAC, 128; K-3, 86.

The Quiz Show, sponsored by US AFI, and emceed by Joe Gilbert of KLGH, who also wrote the script and the questions, offers silver dollars as prizes to the winners. Questions are graded for 5, 10 or 15 points, so that when a team is low on points, a contestant can attempt to bring up the score by answering a high-point question. On the other hand, the high-point questions are harder, so the scheme doesn't always work.

Everyone on the broadcast had a lot of fun, and patient or duty personnel interested in entering the "battle" in the future weeks are urged to contact the station, extension 2711, to make arrangements.

The winners of each week's contest return the following week to meet a new team. The WAC winners this week were Josephine Porter, Carolyn Fix, Frances Black and Bessie Jeffries. On the K-3 team were Kenneth Nadeau, Leon L. Freyser, Robert Ingran and Richard Clawson.

MORE ABOUT UNIFICATION

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would assume equality of rank with Army Chief-of-Staff, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The other major leaders in the new military set-up are: Sidney W. Souers, Secretary of the National Security Council; Rear Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Maj. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, Director of the Joint Staff; and Arthur M. Hill, Chairman of the Security Resources Board.

As the unification went into action officially, it was estimated that approximately 1,524,000 men were under arms, as compared to 12,100,000 on V-J Day. There are some 640,000 officers and men in the Army, 325,000 in the Air Force, and 477,000 in the Navy. The Army is 29,000 men under authorized strength.



"IT'S GREAT TO BE YOUNG"

Leslie Brooks, blonde and beautiful, will soon be seen in Columbia's musical comedy with the above title. Judging from Leslie's appearance, "It's Great to Be Young" is the absolutely appropriate name for the picture.

Civil Service Schedules for Examinations

Current federal examination announcements from the Civil Service Commission include the following:

Radio Engineer, \$4,149 to \$5,905 a year. Applications must be received not later than 14 October 1947.

Real Estate Officer, \$3397 to \$8,179 a year. Applications due not later than 16 October 1947.

Inspector (General Construction), \$2,394 to \$2,644 a year. Applications will be accepted until the needs of the service have been met.

Applications will be received until further notice for the positions of: Plumber, \$1.18 to \$1.66 per hour; Pipefitter, \$1.33 to \$1.66 per hour; Coppersmith, \$1.32 to \$1.44; Pipecoverer and Insulator, \$1.23 to \$1.51.

Further information on requirements for applicants for each of the examinations may be obtained from Civilian Personnel Office, Room 201, LGH Administration Building.

First Grandson

Colonel Dean F. Winn, Letterman's commanding officer, heard the news this week of the birth of his first grandson. The baby has been named Dean Winn Currie, in honor of his grandfather. He is the son of Colonel Winn's daughter and her husband, Reverend and Mrs. David M. Currie of Austin, Texas. He was born 29 September, and weighed 8 pounds.

Mrs. Winn plans to go to Texas next week to visit her daughter and see the baby. The Curries also have two daughters, aged 3 and 5.

Coming Back

Letterman's former band leader, Charles W. Cook, who left last May when he retired after 34 years in the Army, will be back to see old friends here when he comes to San Francisco next week from his home in Medford, Oregon. CWO Oliver Mergolin, who took over as band leader when CWO Cook left, says he hopes to talk Mr. Cook into conducting the band at least once while he is here.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

About USAFI—Just seventeen days after Pearl Harbor the War Department authorized the establishment of a correspondence school, to be known as the Army Institute. Its mission was to provide educational opportunities for enlisted personnel of the Army. Headquarters was organized at Madison, Wisconsin, and on 1 April 1942, the school began operation, offering 64 courses of high school and Junior college level. Also, through the Institute, approximately 500 university and high school courses were offered by colleges and universities under contract with the government.

Soon after the Institute was established by the War Department, the Navy became interested in the project, and in September of 1942, courses and services were made available to Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard enlisted personnel. A little later the school was redesignated the United States Armed Forces Institute, soon popularly known as "USAFI." Commissioned personnel of all the Armed Forces become eligible to participate in July of 1943.

The progress of USAFI has been marked by continuous change and development. In the early stages of the war, primary emphasis was placed on courses that contributed directly to military efficiency. Later, when victory came and Armed Forces personnel began to look toward a return to civil life, greater emphasis was placed on subjects and services that might be helpful when civilian jobs would be resumed or civilian education taken up again.

During the war USAFI kept pace with the Armed Forces, following wherever there was action. Headquarters at Madison, Wisconsin, became a parent organization for USAFI Branches located all over the world. At the present time USAFI Branches are operating in Seattle (serving Alaska), Germany, Guam, Hawaii, Japan, Panama, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines.

During the first quarter of 1947 the average monthly enrollment in USAFI courses was almost 13,000, and at the end of that period there were approximately 300,000 current active enrollments in the several types of USAFI courses.



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Lt. Colonel Snyder Former Staff Officer, Dies Here

Lieutenant Colonel Leslie D. Snyder, who had served as Director of Personnel at Letterman for four years prior to his retirement early this year, died here on Monday morning after a brief illness.

Col. Snyder was born in Cherry Valley, New York, and began his military career with the march into Mexico under General Pershing in 1916 and again served under the same general overseas in World War I. He wore ribbons for the campaigns in the Aisne, Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse Argonne, and Chateau Thierry locales. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry "with utter disregard for his own safety"—to use the words of the official citation—on one occasion when he rushed into shell fire to bring aid to a sergeant and private who were badly wounded. The Croix de Guerre came later for his work in the Aisne-Marne offensive.

Back in peace time he continued to demonstrate the qualities of a military man and at 32 was the youngest master sergeant in the Medical Department. He was appointed to warrant officer grade in 1938 and was the executive assistant to the Chief Surgeon of the Hawaiian Department during the days immediately prior to the declaration of the emergency.

Before coming to Letterman Col. Snyder served at the headquarters of the Ninth Service Command at Fort Douglas, Utah, as assistant to the Chief Surgeon and he brought to us a wealth of experience in personnel management gained while at headquarters. When the "pinch" was on for manpower the colonel seemed to know always where to turn for the needed additional help.

For his outstanding performance of duty Colonel Snyder was awarded



Lt. Colonel LESLIE D. SNYDER,
United States Army, retired
26 October 1892—6 October 1947

the Army Commendation Ribbon and an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second award.

Funeral services were held at the parlors of Halsted & Company on Wednesday afternoon and interment followed at Golden Gate National Cemetery with Chaplain Albert F. Click officiating.

Colonel Snyder is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ruth Snyder, two daughters and a son.

Employee Loyalty Check Gets Under Way at Letterman

All civilian personnel at Letterman will be required to fill out loyalty data forms and will be fingerprinted for the Employee Loyalty Program now being conducted here by Civilian Personnel Branch. This program is under way nationally as a result of Executive Order No. 9835, which provides for a Federal Employee Loyalty check.

Information required on the forms to be filled out includes information on affiliations with organizations other than religious or political; dates and places of residence for the past ten years, and dates, names and addresses of employers for the past ten years.

The Civil Service Commission will make record checks and inquiries on new appointees to the federal service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will make "full field" loyalty investigations on incumbent employees when a check of the FBI files develops a question of loyalty.

In the check of incumbent employees, Civilian Personnel will begin with those having the longest service and hence highest number of retention credits. Employees will be contacted by Civilian Personnel when the time comes for them to fill out the forms.

Reports on approximately 15 per cent of the employees will be sent in monthly between now and 31 March 1948. Refusal to submit to fingerprinting or failure to complete the forms will be considered grounds for removal from the federal service.

The reason for fingerprinting incumbent employees, who were of course fingerprinted when they entered the service, is that the former prints are on file with the Civil Service Commission only, and the new prints will be sent directly to the FBI.

I & E Lecture

Joseph I. McNamara, San Francisco attorney, was the speaker this week on the Troop Information and Education program for duty officers. His subject was "Laws the Average Man Should Know," and he discussed community property laws; automobile accidents and liabilities; how to make a will; who should make a will, and other similar topics.

Food Conservation Program Now in Effect at Letterman

Meatless Tuesday at Letterman will mean a saving of over one ton of meat for just one day. On Thursday, when no eggs or poultry will be served, 4,000 eggs will be saved and 1400 pounds of poultry. Personnel of the Letterman mess were busy this week with plans for menu-changing to comply with President Truman's food conservation order.

Captain Velma Richardson, MDD, chief dietitian, who is the Hospital Food Service Supervisor, conferred with her staff of dietitians on menu changes, and Major Homer P. Jones, PC, Hospital Mess Administrator, directed revised calculations on cost estimates.

It is necessary for the hospital to stay within the prescribed ration allowance for the hospital mess, and with constantly rising food costs this is no small problem. A comparison of costs on the following items shows the increase in the past six months: Butter was 62 cents a pound six months ago—it is now 85 cents a pound; eggs rose from 52 to 70 cents a dozen; bacon went from 51 to 75 cents a pound, and beef, which was 36 cents a pound, is now 47 cents.

In line with the President's food conservation program, personnel who eat at the hospital mess are urged to take bread and butter only when they intend to eat them. Half slices of bread instead of whole ones will be available. On the wards, the attendant will pass bread and butter instead of putting it on the trays.

New slogan of the mess is "Give the starving ones a break; eat all that you take," suggested by Sgt. Lee Dexter of the Hospital Food Service staff.

The Letterman mess includes the General Mess at the main hospital, the East Hospital mess, Crissy mess, and the Hospital Train Section mess. Daily meals served amount to 5500, with 1600 persons served at breakfast, 2000 at noon and 1900 in the evening. A late night meal is also served for those on night duty. When a ship arrives from overseas there is an increase of from four to five hundred persons during the week before the patients leave via hospital train.

Preparation of food in quantities that would stagger the housewife is taken in stride by the mess personnel. They prepare a ton of potatoes daily, and use 1200 pounds of steak for one meal. No less than 138 gallons of coffee are brewed



LGH WILL SAVE A TON OF MEAT NEXT TUESDAY
The butcher shop at the Letterman mess, where meat is being cut, but NOT for Tuesday, which hereafter will be meatless to comply with the food conservation program. On each day when meat is not served here, over a ton of meat is saved. L. to R.: Pfc. Joseph P. Willis, Jr., S/Sgt. Ivan W. Compton, S/Sgt. Higinio J. Gallegos, Pfc. Casimir Bogunia, Ray Fleming.



LEMON MERINGUE PIE FOR SUPPER
Putting the delicious topping on the lemon pies in the bakery at Letterman. L. to R.: Pfc. Albert T. Brunson, Pfc. Ralph Forbus, T/Sgt. J. R. Lewis, John A. Miller, Oscar Evans.

daily, which shows that there's "an awful lot of coffee" at LGH as well as in Brazil. The hospital uses on an average of 7,000 half-pints of milk every day.

Letterman's pastry shops turns out 230 pies for one meal, and it takes 2500 sweet rolls for a day's supply when that item comes up on the menu. Besides pies and cakes, the pastry shop makes such appetite tempters as doughnuts, cookies, coffee-cake, snails and Danish pastries.

The bones and fat cut from the meat are not wasted at Letterman. The fat is rendered and made use of in various ways, and the bones are used to make soup. Fifty per cent rendered fat is used in the pastry for pie crust.

Menus are the same for all personnel, with the exception of special diets for certain patients. The menus are made out two weeks in advance, so it has been necessary to revise them for the food conservation program, which went

LGH Stamp Club Wins Prizes at National Exhibit

Members of the Letterman Stamp Club sent six exhibits to the national philatelists exhibition held recently in Wichita, Kansas, and received recognition for all six. Three received prizes and three earned honorable mention.

The Society of Philatelic Americans sponsored a Purple Heart section for hospitalized service men in all military and veterans hospitals, and in this section Letterman exhibits took first, second and third prize.

First prize went to Major Randolph Vinding of ward A-2 for his exhibit on U. S. commemorative stamps; second prize to Captain Melvin Love of M-2 for International Red Cross stamps, and third prize to Sgt. Anna Roorda of ward R for Vatican City stamps. Prizes were certificates and valuable stamps.

The three other Letterman exhibitors, all of whom received honorable mention, were Pfc. Luis Serpas of E-2, for his stamps and monograph on the Pan-American highway; Sgt. Charles Kahman of ward B-2, for U. S. commemoratives, and Pvt. Julius Waltuck of the LGH detachment for his stamps showing birds.

Letterman Stamp Club members have received national publicity on their excellent showing in the Wichita exhibit. Miss Ruth Horne, club sponsor, says the members are most appreciative of the many stamps they have received from philatelists here in San Francisco.

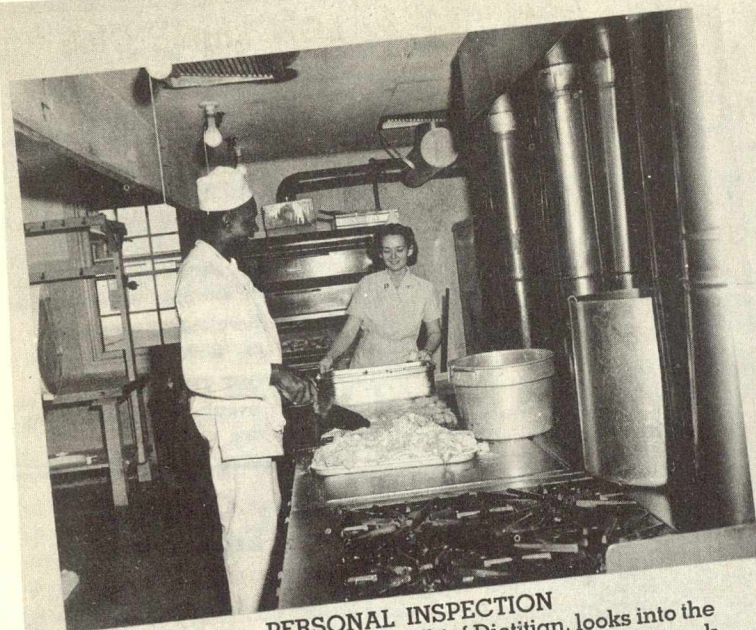
promptly into effect this week.

Captain Richardson pays special tribute to the mess personnel for their cooperation in making the new program a success.

Major Jones, the Hospital Mess Administrator, has as his assistants Captain Elmer Walberg, MSC, and Captain Charles O. Shobert, MSC.

Captain Richardson's staff of ten dietitians includes her assistant, 1st Lieut. Henrietta Henderson, and First Lieuts. Margaret D. Bohn, Jean M. Hawkins, Charlotte Higgins, Naomi Meilicke, Eunice G. Moratz, Beulah Nye, Julie V. Skellchock, and 2nd Lieuts. Louise Page and Elizabeth J. Stevenson.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



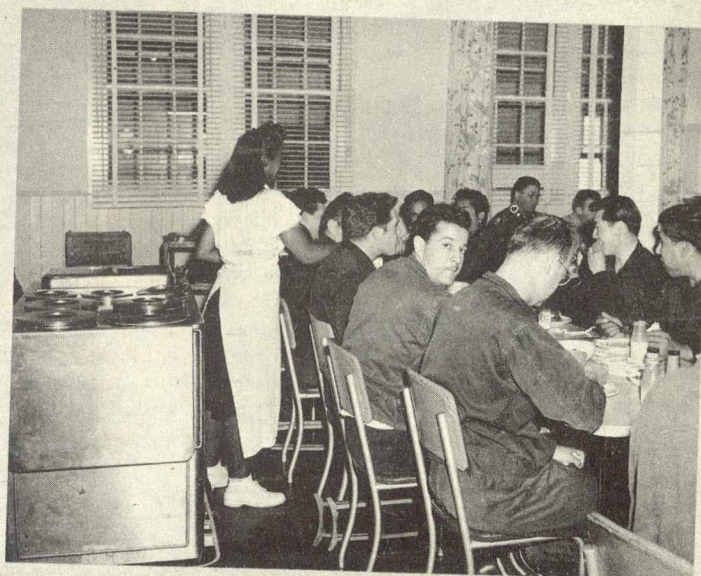
PERSONAL INSPECTION
Captain Velma Richardson, Chief Dietitian, looks into the cooking of the noonday meal at the Crissy mess. The cook is Arthur F. Foster.



STEAMING HOT
The Patients fill their plates at the steam table at the East Hospital mess. They are asked to take bread only if they really want it, and half instead of whole slices help conservation.



TABLES FOR FOUR
The new small tables are popular with the patients and duty personnel. Above (L to R) Sgt. Charles Hall, Pfc. John Haley, Pvt. Therman Irwin and M-Sgt. George Battenberg enjoy their dinner.



THE FOOD CART
Is used to serve hot food to the Orthopedic patients in the East Hospital mess.

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EDITORIAL

SAVING FOOD

This week the President's food conservation program was put into effect here at Letterman. Patients and duty personnel who eat on the post will observe meatless Tuesdays and eggless and poultryless Thursdays. Bread will be served, but with an effort to conserve.

The less meat and poultry we eat the less grain will be needed to feed livestock, and the grain thus saved can be shipped to Europe. The conservation program does not mean that there will be less food served, only that less of the foods necessary to save grain will be served. Special attention is paid to making menus as appetizing and nutritious as ever.

Conservation can be successful only if it is observed by everyone. Letterman personnel who do not eat their meals on the post have a responsibility as citizens to observe the conservation program in their homes—to eat less bread, to observe the two days a week on which we have been asked to do without certain foods.

Though few of us have personal knowledge of the conditions in European countries, we do know from reliable report of the low subsistence levels there. We should be proud to be prompted by humanitarian motives in responding to the President's request.

WAC

First Lieut. Frances Harlee left Sunday by air for Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, where she will attend the Army Information School's Information and Education course, which goes on from now until February. Captain Charlotte Woodworth, WAC CO, is taking over her apartment while she is gone, and First Lieut. Adele Duke is taking over her duties as I & E officer.

S/Sgt. Barbara Mostella became the bride of James W. Bevan in Carson City, Nevada on 4 October.

Corporal Helen Brown had a lot of fun at the races over the week end. She insists that it was fun even if she didn't pick all the winners.

Sgt. Frances Jenkins' lovable cocker spaniel, named Flush in honor of the Flush of the "Barretts of Wimpole Street," has earned the degree of S. C., which in his case stands for shoe-chewer. What's more, Flush doesn't confine himself to chewing the shoes of his co-owners, Frances and Lieut. Betty Miller. No, he also chews the shoes of their friends. This might easily lead to visitors taking up the old Japanese custom of leaving their shoes outside the door.

Dieting seems to be the thing nowadays, and among the WACs who are leaving the extra calory foods for somebody else are T/3 Edith Altenberg, S/Sgt. Joe Porter and T/5 Sheila Daugherty. Jo claims she can lose weight the fastest on her diet. So far no results have been made public by any of the participants in the diet marathon.

It seems that T/4 Sue Burnett is very powerful when it comes to opening and closing doors. One day last week Sue opened the Orderly Room door so vigorously that the door came off its hinges and hit the ground. Sue lost her balance and toppled down on the door. Fortunately, no casualties resulted.

Quiz-Winning WACs

The second "Battle of Letterman" USAFI quiz show, broadcast on Tuesday over KLGH, found last week's winning team of WACs again defeating their opponents. The opposing team this week was from Military Personnel. Next week the WACs will meet a team from another LGH unit, and they're hoping for still another victory.



Two former Army nurses, recalled from civilian life, were welcomed to Letterman this week—First Lieut. Lois R. Dimmerling, who is from East Liverpool, Ohio, and First Lieut. Amelia Parkinson of Baltimore, Maryland. Lieutenant Dimmerling is on duty on ward K-2, and Lieutenant Parkinson is on ward L-1.

First Lieut. Mary Paine, who in private life is Mrs. Arthur Williams, received a surprise visit from her friends in Physical Therapy on Tuesday evening. They came bearing a wedding gift, and the bride was delighted to find it was a pressure cooker. Preparing food will now be a matter of minutes, which means it will be fun to cook.

Captain Rebecca Amend, ANC, is currently on leave and has gone to her home in Pennsylvania.

Lieut. Elizabeth Stevenson of the dietitians staff is taking a three-day leave to attend her brother's wedding in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Two of the Letterman nurses returned to civilian life this week—First Lieut. Theda T. Reed and First Lieut. Helen M. Olson. Lieut. Olson is now Mrs. Raymond Lowery, having been married during her recent leave, and before she left her friends here gave a farewell bridal shower for her.

Captain Louise Chirstman, former chief of Physical Therapy here, is in San Francisco en route to duty in Hawaii, and reported to Camp Stoneman this week. She hopes to have a chance to visit friends at Letterman before she leaves.

Three of the Letterman nurses were lucky at Bingo Tuesday evening at the Letterman Officers' Club, and Captain Velma Richardson, chief dietitian, was also a winner. Major Frances Henchey, ANC, won an English china plate with sterling silver filigree; Captain Dorothy Looby, ANC, won money; First Lieut. Lois Dimmerling, ANC, won silverware, and Captain Richardson won silver candlesticks.

Truth is the aim of all research, no matter how sharply this truth may conflict with our social, ethical and political conditions.—Theodor Billroth.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 12 October, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Rosary Devotions: 1 Oct. to 2 Nov.

Week days at 1900. Sundays after 0800 Mass.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Deputy Chief of Army Education Branch Visits LGH

Lieut. Col. Harry C. Eckhoff, deputy chief of the Information and Education Division of Army Education Branch, was at Letterman this week from Washington. He spent the week here and at various Sixth Army installations in the Bay Area.

"My primary purpose in coming was to learn how the various Troop Information & Education directives are being implemented in the field," said Colonel Eckhoff. "I find an excellent program in operation at Letterman, and feel that certain phases of the program might well serve as models for other Army installations."

He expressed himself as being particularly impressed with the successful functioning of the USAFI radio quiz program here.

Library

"Little Boy Blue," by George Willis, is the fast-moving, behind-the-scenes story of Lou Carey, jazz musician, and his rise to fame. It is the story of his strivings, his frustrations, and his driving ambition. Out of it he built a band of his own, a band that played the compelling rhythms that surged within him. The characters are real and the author takes his readers into the private lives of those tense and toiling men who make their living through jazz. In order to get material for writing this book, the author played in bands throughout the Middle West for several years. In the Library.

ON THE SPOT



GEORGE NORRIS
Technician Fifth Grade

Although he is only twenty, T/5 George Norris has already had broad experience in the entertainment field. Here at Letterman he is assigned to the entertainment section of Special Services, and is in charge of arrangements for the USO-Hospitalized Veterans Entertainment Committee. He also conducts and writes the script for a weekly program, "Special Services Specialties," broadcast over KLGH, Letterman's radio station.

George was born in San Diego, and when he was five his family moved to Ridgefield, Washington. He was an honor graduate of Battle Ground Senior High School, and because of his singing ability was known there as the "Crosby of Bee Gee."

He got his start in radio at Station KVAN, Vancouver, Washington, where he was chief of the news section and staff announcer. Later he switched to KGW-NBC, Portland, Oregon, as singer. During the war he worked with USO Camp Shows and toured various Army and Navy hospitals with a Pacific Northwest Circuit. During his summer vacations while in high school he worked at Barnes General Hospital. Just before coming into the Army he sang over KGO, San Francisco.

In October 1946 he enlisted in the Army, had basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, and was then ordered to headquarters Second Army, Baltimore, Md., where he served in the Recruiting Service with the 371st Army Dance Band and the Radio Section of the Promotional Activities Branch of Military Personnel Procurement. While in Baltimore he did recruiting promotion work over WBAL, WCAO and WCBM. He came to LGH and his present assignment last May.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Susie is back! Patients on Ward C-2 report the return of their mascot Susan the Kitten. Although Susie leaves the ward at night she stops in every morning to call the roll.

Sgt. William D. Boinset, Ward C-48, named 31 winners of last Saturday's football games, to win the weekly radio. He just nosed out Major Irving Faling who had 30 winners chalked up on his scoreboard. Sgt. Boinset is getting discharged this week. He plans to return to his home in Prosperity, South Carolina.

John Engel, Elmer Klein, Leon Burrage and WAC Sgt. Kay Perfect, are four of the most regular customers of LGH's well stocked library. The ever pleasant librarians don't see how they find enough hours in a day to read as much as they do.

Sandy Lew is making a set of table lamps. Rumor has it that they will go into his hope chest. Sandy plans to get married soon.

Any patient that likes to play Shuffleboard will be interested in knowing that weather is no longer a problem. A new "board" has been painted on the gym floor.

How many of you have turned in your questions and answers to the Red Cross Gray Ladies? Make the questions as tough as possible on any subject. They will be compiled into book form and distributed one book to a ward. Then each ward joins forces, and by "pooling their knowledge they answer as many questions as possible. The ward answering the most questions correctly wins. The winners choose the prize. It may be a downtown show party, a tour of the city or Chinatown, going to the opera or stage play, perhaps a special party on the ward with lots of good food. Remember the winners make the selection of the prize they want. The ward turning in the most questions and answers will of course have a better chance to win, so let's get the questions to the Gray Ladies and make this contest a good one.

Of his work here George says "I really enjoy it, and I find everyone so cooperative. Letterman is truly 'the hospital with a soul'."

Clarence Merchant, Ward 42, hasn't missed a football game this season. He was disgusted with the Duquesne squad last week. Claims he could have beat the whole team by himself.

Charles Kahman, one of LGH's more avid stamp collectors, has more than \$6000.00 worth of stamps now, but still has trouble keeping one on hand for his personal mail.

Miss Mildred Hendrix, Red Cross Recreational Worker, arranged a party on Ward K-2 for Patient Denford Davis. There was a big cake and all the trimmings. The cake didn't last long, but Denford is sure the memory of it will.

Among the patients seen at Golden Gate Fields the past week, Fred Knight, Alan Marcus, Sid Hoskins were spotted in the line leading to the \$2.00 window. Wonder how they made out?

Frank Rodriguez, patient on Ward 31 was married the 1st of October to the former Miss Helen Chapman of San Francisco. They intend to make their home here in the city. Let's wish them luck with finding one.

On Ward D-1 are brother veterans Maurice & Mark Burns. Returning from a vacation trip to Seattle on a motorcycle, they lost an argument to a woman driver. Santa Ana, Calif., is the home of the brothers. They live there with their father who is also an ex-G.I.

There were eight winners of USAFI silver dollars on last Tuesday's Quiz Program, held in the Recreation Hall. The lucky winners were Noel Landry, Ronald Greenwalt, Robert Ingram, Frank Roberts, Kenneth Nadeau, M. R. Bacon, LeRoy Pullum, and Robert Huntzberry.

Any patient that would like to make suggestions to the Red Cross about improving the Recreational Program is invited to attend the Planning Committee meetings. The meetings will be held every Thursday at 400 in the Recreation Hall.

The log from Letterman's boat reads "Skipper" James Hall, erstwhile fisherman from Ward 41, suffered from seasickness. Guess he really did suffer, according to all reports.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LEATRIS LAMASCUS
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 Leatris Lamascus finds that although her first name, Leatris, rhymes with Beatrice (so it's as simple as that) most people prefer to shorten it to Lee, and that's quite all right with her, because she likes nicknames.

Lee was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and after finishing high school there she worked in a defense plant, first doing clerical work and later coming to Richmond, California, and working as a welder in the shipyards.

She wanted to join the WAC long before she did join, but a little matter of age prevented her. Since she wasn't yet 21, she needed her parents' consent to enlist, and it wasn't forthcoming. However, in 1945, shortly before she reached that twenty-first birthday, they did give their consent, and she enlisted in San Francisco, and went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for her basic training.

Her first (and only) duty station was Letterman, and she spent a year and a half here as medical technician on ward G-2. In October of last year she received her discharge. She returned home to Ardmore, and spent the next ten months going to business college, then re-enlisted in the WAC.

She asked to come back to Letterman, and returned here in July. She is now doing secretarial work on ward M-1.

Lee likes dancing and all the outdoor sports, and says she specially enjoys life in the WAC because "you never have to make plans, there's always something entertaining to do."

Wife: "Hubby, now that I have an electric ice box I expect you to get a mechanical stenographer."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Ruth de Hay of Occupational Therapy, well known to many Lettermanites because of her work both in Personal Affairs and in O. T., is leaving this week to make preparations for her wedding. Her fiancé is John M. O'Connor. Ruth isn't telling the date of the wedding just yet. She says it depends a good deal on when she finds an apartment. We wish her lots of luck in her quest.

Lillian Jones of the Dental Service attended the California-St. Mary's game in Berkeley recently and though she is a Cal rooter she felt sorry for St. Mary's and rooted for them so vigorously that she became hoarse.

Margaret Fawcett of the Laboratory is spending a month's vacation in Minnesota. Also taking leave from the Laboratory is Stella Jackson who is spending her two weeks vacation at home.

Pat McCall, EENT Clinic, won the Bingo game held at the Officers' Club last Tuesday and the prize was an electric clock which can be attached to a radio so now Pat will awaken to music instead of an ordinary alarm.

Hannah Goldberg of Educational Reconditioning recently returned from emergency leave spent with her family in New York. While she was there she thoughtfully sent not one, but two, boxes of candy back to her co-workers here. It's true that the candy did not arrive until after Hannah was back on duty, but it is not true that she planned it that way so she could help eat it. In fact, it takes a lot of persuading even to get her to take one piece.

Marjorie Hecht of Information Office, is on the sick list but we hope to hear of her recovery soon.

Betty Strunk, Convalescent Services, is visiting her family in Grant's Pass, Oregon.

When Smith walked into his friend's office he found him sitting at his desk, looking very depressed. "Hello, old man!" said Smith. "What's the matter?"

"Oh, just my wife—she's interfering with my office matters," replied his friend, sadly. "Just now, she's hired me a new secretary."

"Well, there's nothing wrong about her engaging a new secretary for you. Is she blonde or brunette?"

"He's bald."

LIEUT. HOPKINS NOTIFIED OF HER APPOINTMENT IN THE REGULAR ARMY



**First Lieut. JANET E. HOPKINS, ANC
Anesthetist, LGH Operating Room**

First Lieut. Janet E. Hopkins, ANC, received word this week of her appointment to the Regular Army, which gives her the distinction of being the first R. A. appointee in the Army Nurse Corps at Letterman under the new integration set-up.

Lieutenant Hopkins is on duty in the Operating Room, where she performs the duties of anesthetist. "I like my work very much," she says "though sometimes I'm sorry not to be able to talk with the patients. But when you put them to sleep, they just don't have a chance to talk."

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in Chicago and New York. She received her training in nursing at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, and also took her course in anesthesia there. Upon completion of her training she worked at Columbia Presbyterian for a time, and then, in February 1942, when the Second General Hospital was formed with a group of doctors and nurses from Presbyterian, she entered the Army.

After four months training at Fort Meade, Maryland, she went overseas with the Second General,

and spent the next two years at Oxford, England. During that time the hospital treated Eighth Air Force casualties. Lieutenant Hopkins also served in Normandie, where the Second General was a tent hospital, and later was in Nancy, France. While overseas she explored Belgium, England and visited Luxembourg and Germany. She says she found England and Luxembourg the most picturesque.

She returned to the States in October 1945, and after a leave which she spent at home, was sent to Walter Reed Hospital for duty. She came to Letterman in August 1946, and is very happy to be on the West Coast. She says "San Francisco has so much to offer" that she is still finding out about new diversions here.

She follows all the ball games, and even won a dinner by betting on her home team in the World Series. She likes swimming and golf, and enjoys the theatre, concerts and ballet. Since she is on call for the Operating Room at least one or two nights a week she finds time to accomplish a good deal in the line of knitting and crocheting. But sightseeing hereabouts is still her favorite pastime.



From one end of Crissy Field to the other—and back again, was the train unit as it moved from Area "B" to the east end of Crissy. At the beginning of the train section's history, its enlisted detachment was housed near its present location, then with rapidly expanding activities, the entire organization moved into the large stucco buildings at Area "B" now occupied by the Officers Reserve Corps. Just about this time last year, the detachment moved across the street into the wooden barracks which had been used for a time by the section during the height of its activities. The Train Section men are now living in Building 271, and what were formerly Wards C-46 and C-47. The only branches still at Area "B" are Medical Supply and the Mess Procurement Office.

T/Sgt. James Mitchell has returned from his thirty day delay en route looking like a new man.

T/5 Wilburne Law will marry Miss Janet Brookhart at the Presidio Post Chapel on Sunday, nineteen October at four o'clock.

T/3 Paul Magale spent a three day pass visiting his family in Los Angeles, and Cpl. Bob Willhite used his three days at Modesto looking up some old friends.

Yosemite National Park was the destination of a week end trip by Pfc's Bill Maurer, Hugh Jones, Robert Buckley and T/5 Ray Housley. The scenery was well worth the drive, it was reported.

The Crissy Annex Service Club is open daily to both patients and duty personnel. A large reading room and well-stocked library are main attractions in addition to the billiard room.

T/4 Lee R. Burns departed on furlough last week. The sarge is a member of the mess hall staff.

There is a bit of speculation as to what T/Sgt. John Mack will have to say when he returns from his furlough to find that the mess hall where he held sway is a thing of the past due to the move.

Sixty-eight enlisted men of the Hospital Train Section are due to receive the World War II Victory Medal, and thirteen will also be given the American Theatre Ribbon.

Capt. Russell Hey has assumed the duties of Secretary-Treasurer of the Train Section Officers' Club.

MEDICAL DETACH

Joseph Beard, the tall, dark physical instructor over at the Gym, made a recent trip to Hamilton Field to take some patients. Oh, this emergency duty.

The YMCA was crowded last Sunday with many fellows listening to the World Series. Cries and shouts rent the air as the Dodgers staged their four run inning.

Willie Terry spent a three day pass in Southern California not so long ago. He visited friends and relatives in Pasadena.

Robert McCarty, Richard Smith, and Milton Liechty are studying with Miss Lilienthal from the Education Office. Just like old times again.

It is reported that Roland Harlow is preparing to be married when he is discharged from the Army.

Edward Lopez, who wears a constant smile, is another Los Angeles boy. Despite all the propaganda, Eddie likes the people and the country in Northern California.

Seen in the early morning: Rudy Fair busying himself to keep ye olde hospital in such an excellent condition . . . Earl Carrick dragging himself to work . . . August Hinton dashing toward the chow hall which closes pretty early . . . James How practicing for the band concert.

Erich Callman was joined recently by his sister. He left Germany in 1939. Since then he has travelled through China and the Far East before arriving in the United States. His sister is working for civilian personnel here.

Earl Harp feels like he has been hit by a 2½ ton truck. Maybe that will teach him not to play football with such 'big' boys.

Add Vernie McGee to the casualties . . . He's displaying a beautifully skinned nose but says, "You should have seen the other guy."

Lots of fellows in the detachment are following the football games closely. Everyone is hoping he will win the portable Philco radio being awarded to the one who picks the greatest number of winners per week. So far no duty man has been the lucky one. Come on, let's get on the old ball.

Jim Scott had a streak of luck a short while back. He kicked in his 50 cents on the football pool and came out plus twelve dollars.

HIS RESEARCH AND PUBLISHED WORK DEALS WITH THE Rh BLOOD FACTOR



Captain PAUL G. HATTERSLEY, MC
Chief, Hematology and Blood Bank Section, LGH

Enthusiastic is the word for Captain Paul G. Hattersley's attitude about his work here at Letterman. He is Chief of the Hematology and Blood Bank Section of the Laboratory Service, and is engaged in research on the Rh blood factor. His papers on the subject have been published in the "Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine" and the "Journal of Hematology," and another will appear shortly in the "American Journal of Clinical Pathology."

The Rh factor was first described in 1940, but its clinical significance has been widely recognized only in the last three or four years. It is important to ascertain whether individuals are Rh positive or Rh negative for the reason that if a person who is Rh negative receives a transfusion of Rh positive blood he may be so sensitized that subsequent Rh positive transfusions will not only be worthless but may cause dangerous reactions.

Until last year it was felt that only one Rh negative person in 25 or 50 was capable of being sensitized by transfusion. However, tests made here at Letterman in the past year under the direction of Captain

Hattersley have revealed that of those Rh negative patients who received blood transfusions during the war, more than 50 per cent were sensitized. By typing individuals it is possible to assure that future transfusions given to Rh negative persons will always be Rh negative blood, so that there will be no danger of reactions. Captain Hattersley is also working on improving techniques in testing for antibodies, with the objective of working out a simple and infallible technique.

The Rh test is important in pregnancy, and all women receiving prenatal care here are typed to ascertain whether they are Rh positive or negative.

Captain Hattersley, whose home has been in Pasadena, California, since he was a child, was born in Mamyo, Burma, in a house which during the war was used as headquarters for General Stilwell during one phase of the Battle of Burma. Captain Hattersley did his undergraduate work at the University of California, and received his medical training at Stanford. He interned at Stanford Hospital and was assistant resident in medicine



To Captain and Mrs. Roy H. Bruns, a boy, Rick, born 30 September.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Twain Slaughter, a boy, Ace Jay, born 30 September.

To Captain and Mrs. Leonard Barney, a girl, Sandra Lynne, born 30 September.

To 1/Sgt. and Mrs. Ellsworth Corno Lillard, Sr., a boy, Ellsworth Corno, Jr., born 1 October.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Raymie H. Reeves, twin boys, Kenton Leslie and Gregory Brian, born 1 October.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Lawrence Cole Lopez I, a boy, Lawrence Cole II, born 2 October.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Alexander Smyklo, a girl, Patrician Jeanne, born 3 October.

To Captain and Mrs. George W. Johnston, a girl, Ann Elizabeth, born 4 October.

To Major and Mrs. Andreas A. Andreae, a son, Robert Arthur, born 5 October.

To Attend Course

Colonel Wendell A. Weller, MC, assistant chief of EENT, is leaving this week for Chicago, where he will attend a one-week course at the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

there. While at Stanford Hospital he worked with Dr. Harry Wyckoff, the outstanding hematologist.

He came into the Army in May 1946, attended the Army Medical Department School at Fort Sam Houston, and came to Letterman in June 1946. Since coming here he has been sent to the Army Area Laboratory at Fort Sam Houston for work in Rh blood typing, has worked with Dr. Phil Levine in Linden, N. J., and attended the International Rh and Hematology Conference at Dallas, Texas.

Captain Hattersley and his wife Alice have two children, Cathie, who is 3, and Sandy, who is a year old. The family is just now getting settled in their new home in Belmont, down the Peninsula.

When asked what he likes to do in his free time, Captain Hattersley inquires "What free time?" But he admits that when time does permit, he enjoys bowling.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

California schools and colleges are enrolling a record number of veteran students under the G. I. Bill this month. The number is expected to reach 158,000.

A Veterans Administration survey recently compiled the 10 questions most frequently asked by World War II veterans about education under the G. I. Bill. The questions and answers are:

Question: How is the length of entitlement calculated and does a year of entitlement mean a school year or a calendar year?

Answer: Under the G. I. Bill, any eligible veteran is entitled to education or job-training for a period of one calendar year, plus the time he spent in the armed forces between September 16, 1940, and the official end of the war. The total period of education or training may not exceed four calendar years.

Question: What schools may a veteran attend under the G. I. Bill?

Answer: A veteran may enroll in any approved school that will accept him.

Question: What books and equipment does VA supply the veteran in school?

Answer: VA pays for all books and equipment that the school requires of all students in the same course so long as this amount plus tuition does not exceed \$500 a year for the course.

Question: How much subsistence is paid and how soon may the veteran expect to receive benefits after he is enrolled?

Answer: VA may pay eligible veterans with one or more dependents, \$90 a month. The length of time required to issue the first subsistence check varies with each case. Generally, the first check is issued within 30 days after the end of the first monthly pay period. Subsistence allowances in arrears are paid, but none is paid in advance.

Question: May the veteran change his course if he finds the original course in which he enrolled is not satisfactory?

Answer: Yes, providing he has VA's permission to do so. Whenever the facts in the case indicate that a change will be to the best interest of the veteran, VA will grant authorization for the change.

Question: May a veteran enroll



FOR THE TWENTIETH TIME

1st Lieut. Ann B. Bakalar, ANC., (right) prepares to walk the aisle to the altar but her first in the role of bride. During the war years she acted as bridesmaid 19 times in the Letterman Chapel. On Saturday morning last at Our Lady Chapel in the Presidio she was married to Captain Alvin J. Kisting, Eng-res. They will make their home in Dubuque, Iowa.

in a night school or a part-time course?

Answer: Yes.

Question: May a veteran receive VA subsistence payments if he works while attending school under the G. I. Bill?

Answer: He may work part-time or full-time and still draw his full allowance, provided that the wages he earns for such employment, plus his subsistence allowance while attending school, does not total more than \$175 a month if he has no dependents or \$200 a month if he has one or more dependents. His VA subsistence allowance is reduced proportionately when the total exceeds the foregoing statutory limits.

Question: What happens if the veteran's marks are low or his progress is unsatisfactory?

Answer: He may receive the assistance of VA's educational and

guidance service in an endeavor to correct these factors which may be contributing to his deficiency. But he is obliged to meet the requirements of the school if he wishes to continue his course.

Question: May the veteran take part of his training in one school and part in another?

Answer: VA may permit a veteran to take more than one course of study at the same time, either in the same or in a different school, provided that the course in the second school is not offered by the first school in which the veteran is enrolled and the latter school will certify that the second course is essential to the successful completion of the veteran's training objective.

Question: May a veteran study with a private teacher and receive benefits under the G. I. Bill?

Answer: No.

HOME STATE HIGHLIGHTS

New York (AFPS)—Two men were fined \$50 each for smoking while at work aboard a ship in New York harbor. Their job: Painting signs reading "no smoking."

Chicago (AFPS)—Police arrested an author accused of using fraudulent methods to sell his book. The book: an expose of fraudulent salesmen.

Norristown, Pa. (AFPS)—William McCann conducted a printing business here for twenty years despite the fact he couldn't write. His will—signed with an "X"—disclosed an estate of \$10,000.

Amherst, Mass. (AFPS)—The University of Massachusetts reports that bumping into doors may cause "contusion of the periorbital integument, subcutaneous hemorrhage, oedema of the conjunctive and periorbital cuticular tissues, discoloration, tumefaction and abrasion of the suprapalmar epidermis." In other words, a black eye.

Camden, N. J. (AFPS)—Listeners laughed when Joseph Valentino, haled into court for punching Mary McGhee in the jaw, explained to the judge. He saw Miss McGhee in front of his home, where the episode took place. "I thought," McGhee said, "she was my wife."

Connersville, Ind. (AFPS)—A former inmate of the jail here wrote Sheriff Oscar Haag: "I've been in a lot of jails, but yours is the cleanest I've ever been in. I didn't even see a cockroach."

Pittsburgh (AFPS)—'Tis an ill wind that blows no good. Sidewalk repairs are being effected here because of the fear that the new long skirts for women might increase the number of falls and turned ankles on broken paving.

Washington (AFPS)—An expectant mother racing the stork to the hospital must stop for the red traffic light even if she has a police escort. George E. Keneipp, director of traffic, ruled that the traffic code permits only police and fire vehicles and ambulances to disregard stop signs in emergency cases.

Chicago (AFPS)—In filing suit for divorce in Superior Court, Gilbert Johnson charged his wife was so jealous she wouldn't permit him to listen to radio programs in which female voices were heard.

It's a Boy!

Major Earle A. Paxson, MAC, LGH Adjutant, and Mrs. Paxson are the proud parents of a son born at Letterman last Friday, 3 October. The baby, who has been named Robert Earle, weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces at birth.



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VA Loan Officials Take Steps to Curb Sellers' Violations

Veterans Administration loan guarantee officials have taken steps to counteract practices by some real estate operators and mortgage lenders which prevent veterans from getting the full benefit of their G. I. home loans, VA reported this week.

According to Arnold A. Wilken, VA loan guarantee chief for California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii, VA has:

1. Warned veterans not to make any "side deals" in order to purchase over-priced homes with G. I. loans.

2. Requested mortgage lenders to curb the growing tendency of arbitrarily requiring veterans buying homes with the aid of G. I. loans to make down payments, despite the fact that the government guarantees the lender against loss for 50 per cent of the purchase price up to a maximum of \$4,000.

"Some veterans have paid out money in 'side deals' to close the purchase of over-priced homes," Wilken said. "In other words, the deal is to finance the home under a G. I. loan, apparently for the appraised value. Then the veteran pays a bonus or extra price to the seller.

"This is a risky practice for all parties concerned," Wilken said. "The law requires an independent appraisal of the 'reasonable value' of real estate purchased with a G. I. loan. This protects the veteran against over-priced property and the 'reasonable value' is the maximum price which can be paid under a G. I. guaranteed loan."

For more than a year, VA officials have been acutely aware that the practice of some mortgage lenders of arbitrarily requiring down payments has been prohibiting growing numbers of veterans from buying homes of their choice, even



Miss MARGARET WOOD HAGAN
National director of hospital service, American Red Cross,
here from Washington this week to make a survey of Red
Cross activities at Letterman.

though their incomes were ample to carry the payments according to established lending practices, Wilken stated.

VA has sought to counteract the down payment policy by calling the attention of lenders to the fact that the fundamental purpose of the G. I. loan is to permit veterans to obtain 100 per cent financing covering their purchase or construction of homes.

VA officials have pointed out on numerous occasions that if veterans cannot get loans without putting

down cash, then the G. I. Bill is not achieving its purpose and lenders are inviting a change in legislation which will accomplish the purpose, Wilken said.

A survey of home loans processed by VA in California during July revealed that there is no hard and fast rule among California lending institutions regarding requirements for down payments, but the practices vary widely in different sections of the state.

The survey revealed that lending
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National Red Cross Hospital Director Makes Survey Here

Miss Margaret Wood Hagan, national director of hospital service for the American Red Cross, was here from Washington this week, and spent several days making a survey of Red Cross activities at Letterman. She was accompanied by Miss Mary K. Taylor, medical social worker who is the training specialist from national headquarters, and by Miss Perle Dow, director of hospital service for the Pacific Area.

"We are making the survey at the request of the Surgeon General," said Miss Hagan. "General Bliss has asked us to ascertain how the Red Cross is meeting its obligations to the Army.

"The results of the survey should enable us to determine just what the peacetime program of the Red Cross is to be, and how large a staff is required to carry out the program. After looking over the activities here we shall make recommendations both to the Surgeon General and to our own organization."

While she was here Miss Hagan talked with the chiefs of the hospital services, asking for suggestions. She spoke at a Red Cross general staff meeting, and addressed the social workers' staff and the recreation staff at special meetings. Miss Taylor went over the staff records and made recommendations.

While on the West Coast Miss Hagan and Miss Taylor will also visit Madigan General Hospital at Tacoma, Washington, and McCornack General Hospital at Pasadena. They are combining the duties of the survey with their usual field visit to hospitals, and before returning to national headquarters will visit hospitals in other areas of the United States.

Letterman's Corps of Gray Ladies Augmented by 33

A portent for the continuation of valuable services to our patients was in evidence on Friday evening last when 33 ladies were presented with certificates and admitted to membership in the Corps of Gray Ladies ministering to the sick and wounded at Letterman.

The ceremony was held in the Recreation Center auditorium in the presence of a group of friends and opened by the invocation by the Post Chaplain. Representing the Red Cross Volunteer Services and making the first address of the evening was Mr. Robert Elliott, Manager of the San Francisco Chapter, ARC. The speaker of the evening was Mr. John A. Sinclair, member of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Chapter, ARC. He portrayed the role of the Gray Lady and its value to the recuperation of the sick and disabled and referred to the long history of the organization — it was founded a quarter century ago at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington—and has now expanded to cover not only Army and Navy hospitals but all of the institutions caring for the veterans of all services and all wars.

Mrs. Lois Lees, one of the new Gray Ladies, then read the pledge taken by all members: "As a member of the Hospital and Recreation Service of the San Francisco Chapter, American Red Cross, I pledge conscientious and loyal service to the Hospital which I serve. I will hold in confidence all personal and official matters which may come to my attention, and will at all times and under all conditions conduct myself in such a manner as to honor the organization which I am permitted to serve."

The new members were next presented with the certificates of membership in the Gray Ladies by Mrs. Robert Clarence Ogden, Chairman of the Hospital and Recreation Corps of the San Francisco Chapter. Colonel Kermit H. Gates, Executive Officer of Letterman, acting in the absence of Colonel Dean F. Winn, expressed a word of congratulation to each new member as the certificates were handed to the individual.

Mrs. William Gray, Chairman of the Hospital and Recreation Corps of the Letterman unit then presented the Corps to the hospital and Colonel Gates spoke a few words in accepting the services of these good benefactors.

Those admitted to the Corps of Gray Ladies were: Margaret Abrams,



NEW CLASS OF GRAY LADIES
Admitted to membership in the Corps for service at Letterman.

Marian Fitzhugh Bell, Frances Davenport Bradley, Mary Doris Casassa, Grace Chaquette, Jane Elizabeth Church, Helene Cowen, Catherine Gibson Craft, Susan Howe Dalton, Mary Phyllis Dann, Naomi Mae Estes, Antoinette Gagen, Augusta Gauvreau, Vivea Geary, Virginia Gregson, Bettie Griswald, Charlotte Harrison, Winifred Hills, Dorothy Anne Holmes, Emeline Bernard Howe, Dorothy Kearn, Otellie Kay Kepplin, Ruth Kispert, Mary Heath Keesling, Lois Lees, Madeline Mayher, Janet Marshall, Doris Regina Peabody, Helen Patricia Stafford, Mariana Taylor Tuttle, Shirley Jean Vernon, Erma Louise Wilson, Fern Tompkins.

Candidates for admission to the Gray Ladies undergo a very careful screening on application for admission. The interview covers the personality, temperament, intelligence, judgment, and general fitness for the duties assumed by these generous volunteers. An indoctrination course of lectures—12 in all of one hour duration—is part of the preparation, and followed by 50 hours

probationary work on the wards. There is a final screening of candidates before the certificate is earned.

The Corps of Gray Ladies in the Letterman unit consists of 86 members, of which 46 are assigned to day duties and 40 to the evening hours. The chairman of the unit is Mrs. William Gray, with Mrs. Ruby Colton as vice chairman. The Day Captains are Miss Rosalie Weinberger, Mrs. Olga Sorich, Miss Anne Luschinger, Mrs. Aline Hyams, and Mrs. Henriette L. Peiser.

The Gray Ladies on their rounds of the wards assist the patients in the writing of letters, play indoor games with the bed ridden, take an active part in the work of the hobby clubs, arrange for picnics, hold dancing classes for those able to participate in that form of recreation, and preside over the well known "coffee hours."

There is complete coverage of the hospital and nothing is left undone to bring cheer and comfort to our sick and wounded.

The slogan "A Gray Lady on every ward every day" tells the story.

Chinese Officers Visit Letterman On Hospital Tour

Three Chinese officers from the Army Medical Center in Shanghai were Letterman visitors this week. They were Dr. Kin Cheung, Lieutenant General, deputy director of the Army Medical Center; Dr. King-Ban Liu, Colonel, professor of medicine at the center, and Miss Ho Chin-hsin, Major, instructor in the nursing school there.

General Kin Cheung was formerly dean of the Army Medical School and Surgeon-General of the wartime Chinese Army, and Colonel Lin was the commanding officer of the general hospital and director of the Preventive Medicine Corps.

The visitors plan to spend a year in the United States, observing procedures in all types of medical centers, universities, civilian and military hospitals. Their visit is under the auspices of the American Bureau of Medical Aid to China.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



COLONEL KERMIT H. GATES
Executive Officer, presenting certificates to new members of Gray Lady Corps, as Mrs. Robert Ogden looks on.



INTERVIEWING FREDDIE FRANCISCO
The Examiner columnist visited Letterman wards last week, and found himself answering questions instead of asking them, when he was interviewed by LaVerne Mulligan of Surgical Service.



COURTESY OF THE NAVY
Meaning that when T-3 Sally Craig and M-Sgt. Harold Dixon of the LGH photo lab went out to take pictures of the fleet, the Navy reciprocated and Paul Begley, Navy photographer, took their picture.



TRUE APPRECIATION
There's no doubt that Lieut. John Engel, patient on ward D-2, is really enjoying the special dance by Blanca de los Rios, who entertained at Letterman last week.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

TIME WASTED

A patient came into the LGH Educational Reconditioning office one day this week and asked how long it would take him to get his high school diploma. He was told which subjects he would need to study and it was pointed out that the amount of time would depend on his own efforts, but that it was possible to complete the work in from four to six months.

It developed that he had been a patient for the past eight months, and now expected to leave the hospital within the next three weeks. He decided that it was too late to begin now, but he would sign up for USAFI courses when he returned to duty.

Many people who have failed to accomplish things they want to do have the valid excuse "I just don't have the time." But many hospital patients do have time and are well enough to carry on a program of study. Often when they are about to leave they realize that this valuable time has been lost, time in which they might have qualified themselves for better jobs by means of study—either civilian jobs or Army jobs.

Both patient and duty personnel may take elementary, high school or college level work here at Letterman through the Educational Reconditioning office. They may also take technical courses.

Duty personnel may enroll

WAC

This past week-end T/Sgt. Clara Queen from Surgery learned how to crochet. It was a struggle to acquire the knack, but now she admits it's a lot of fun.

We understand that S/Sgt. Sylvia Winer is embroidering pillow cases. Is it the due course of romance, Sylvia?

Not to be outdone by Clara or Sylvia S/Sgt. Nancy Banvard started crocheting an afghan this past week-end. It's a very colorful one, too.

T/4 Kitty Kelley, T/4 Chris McConnell, and Cpl. Helen Brown drove up to Russian River this past week-end in Helen's car "Becky." Not a dull moment was had on the trip, the three gals agree.

We understand that S/Sgt. Katherine Mack enjoyed her ten-day furlough which was spent in Los Angeles. Of course "Twinkle," her dog, went along too.

Because she missed a step, T/4 Fay Lavagino is nursing a sprained ankle. These steps can fool a person.

T/5 Janice Copus is the youngest gal in Barracks 212, while T/4 Frances Black has the fewest years of anyone in Barracks 213.

The latest newcomer to the Detachment is T/4 May Magrath.

A short time ago T/4 Aletha Birchfield saw a cat hit by a passing motorist. Feeling sorry for the cat, Aletha picked it up and brought it to the Detachment. Due to the good care it has received it is able to get around, if only on three paws. The fourth paw is still paining the cat quite a bit. We hope, and so does Aletha, that when the cat recovers completely it will decide to stay with us and not go wandering around and be hit by a car again. The cat was named "Mehitable" but due to circumstances is now called "Matthew."

T/3 Edith Altenberg and T/5 Sheliah Daugherty are taking their Spanish classes so seriously that they are buying Rhumba records and forsaking boogie.

for two courses at a time; patients for three. They have the advantage of individual instruction from qualified teachers, or they may take correspondence courses if they wish.

Have you taken advantage of what Educational Reconditioning has to offer?



First Lieutenants Bonnie B. Jackson and Lucy E. Pasqualone, ANC, learned this week that they are to attend the Psychiatric Nursing Course which begins 4 November at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Both will have a 15-day leave before reporting for the course. Lieut. Jackson plans to go to her home in Kansas, and Lieut. Pasqualone will visit her sister in Long Beach, California.

Lieut. Col. Elsie E. Schneider, chief nurse, is enjoying a five-day leave.

When a tree falls on your car while you're in the driver's seat, and you escape injury, that's news. And that's what happened last week end to 1st Lieut. Ruth Campbell of Physical Therapy. She and 1st Lieut. Dorothy Glidden spent the week end camping at Big Basin, and Lieut. Campbell's car got stuck in the mud. In the process of trying to get the car out of the mud a tree was pulled over, and crushed the top of the car, but Lieut. Campbell was not hurt. The car is much the worse for wear, but the occupant thinks herself lucky to get off with a repair bill.

Lieut. Betty Hearne of Physical Therapy is back from her leave, which she spent in the heart of Texas.

The Army Nurse Corps welcomed three newcomers this week. First Lieuts. Violet Zelinski and Helen McCloskey, recently returned from Honolulu, have reported for duty, and 2nd Lieut. Nellie M. Casey, who has been a patient here since her return from overseas, is now on the LGH duty roster.

Lieut. Frances DesPrez of Physical Therapy plans to spend her forthcoming leave in San Mateo,

The glory and the successes of education in the United States are due to its freedom, to its unevenness, to its reflection of the needs and ambitions and capacities of local communities, and to its being kept in close and constant touch with the people themselves.—Nicholas Murray Butler.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 19 October, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Rosary Devotions: 1 Oct. to 2 Nov.

Week days at 1900. Sundays after 0800 Mass.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Army Extends Competitive Tour Program

In order to fill vacancies in the strength of Regular Army officer ranks, the Department of the Army has announced extension of the competitive tour program in which officers may be appointed following a year of field service under the observation of rating officers.

The officers program is open to officers on active duty, those with previous commissioned service now in civilian life, newly commissioned applicants or officer applicants who have had no previous extended active duty as commissioned officers except in ROTC units, applicants commissioned in the National Guard of the United States and applicants from prospective graduates of senior ROTC units.

Those applying must not have reached their 26th birthday prior to the time the application is filed and must be able to meet physical qualifications. Two years of college study at an accredited institution are required and applicants must be available for at least two years of active service.

During the year's observed duty the applicant will be assigned to the branch in which he applies either in the United States or overseas, and will be closely observed.

Applications must be sent to the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., 60 days prior to January 1 or July 1 of each year.

Santa Barbara and Los Angeles.

Major Anne K. Pilegard, ANC, has returned to duty after having been a patient at Army-Navy General Hospital.

WAC OF THE WEEK



VIVIAN P. BLOXSOM
Staff Sergeant

S/Sgt. Vivian Bloxsom and her husband are both in the Army, and what's more, they are both staff sergeants, so neither member of the family has a chance to pull rank. Vivian's husband is S/Sgt. Laurence Bloxsom, and he is now on duty in Manila. She expects him home in January, and already is trying out recipes on herself so she'll be all prepared to welcome him back with super-cookery. Besides, she really likes to cook.

She likes being in the Army, too, so much so that she plans to remain in the WAC if the corps becomes a part of the Regular Army.

Vivian was born at Atwood, Kansas, but grew up and went to school in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Before she entered the WAC she worked for the Pullman Company in Chicago. She joined the Army in April 1944, and went to Fort Oglethorpe for her basic training. Her first duty station was at Romulus, Mich., at the ATC base there, where she spent six months. Next she went to Berry Field, Nashville, Tenn., and remained there for a year. She was also at the Army Air Base at Homestead, Fla., for a few months before receiving her discharge in October 1945.

She came to California and worked for the Richmond Housing Authority for six months, but decided that Army life was better, so she re-enlisted in the WAC. She went overseas to Frankfurt, Germany, in April 1946, and after a year in the ETO returned to the States in April of this year. She asked for assignment to Letterman, and came here in August. She is on duty in the Control Office.

Besides that cooking she likes to do her apartment in Richmond, she enjoys movies, dancing, horseback riding and swimming.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The Red Cross sponsored pool tournament held on Ward 42 ended last Monday, with top honors going to **Jean Menke** and **Don Hill**. The winning team received a steak dinner at a restaurant of their own choosing. The other participants were: **Frank Wayman**, **John Ford**, **Clarence Merchant**, **John Yuen**, **Buck Golson**, **Fabian Rubianes**, **Floyd Herbert**, **Lonnie Griffith**, **Frank Sato**, **Harmon Puryear** and **Reed Spackman**.

A former patient at Letterman, General **Richard Nicholas**, and his wife arranged a party last week end at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wallenstein**. The patients attending the outing were: **Floyd Herbert**, **John McGraw**, **Edward Huston**, **Jack Dwalte**, **Cliff Brown**, **Paul Ehney**, **Myle Hedge**, **Morris Tepper**, **Ross Vandenberg**, **Johnnie Hill**, **John Lemanski**, **Tom Deming**, **Frank Roberts**. Arriving at the San Mateo home they were met and entertained by **Mr. and Mrs. Wallenstein**. There were several hostesses at the party and all joined in badminton, ping pong, paddle, tennis, and swimming. Everyone enjoyed the outing and barbecue dinner. **Mr. and Mrs. Wallenstein** are planning another party soon.

The Anglers Club is offering a trophy for the largest striped bass caught between now and the 1st of the year. Any patient wishing to try for the prize may sign up in the Recreation Hall. The trophy can be seen in the East Hospital PX. **Jefferson Gallope**, president of the club, urges that patients interested in joining the club contact him on ward 1.

Anthony Cecilio is now the proud father of an 8-pound, 6-ounce baby boy born 11 September. The parents chose the name of **Allan**. Congratulations to you and your wife, Cecilio.

Ward B-2 patients are bragging about their powers as bowlers and as domino players. They challenge any ward in Letterman to a match at either game. Are there any takers?

Buster Bailey, Ward C-2, has gathered so many books, stamps and O. T. supplies that the rest of the ward may have to move out to make room for him.

Lt. Denny Kuntz treated patients

Joe Romero and **Robert Brace** to a show last week. Lucky guys!

Arthur Pickren, Ward K-3, has become so attached to Letterman that he wants to be assigned here when he is returned to duty.

John Indergand, Ward B-2, picked 31 winners on last week's football scoreboard to win the portable radio. Say, lad, how did you know there would be so many upsets?

Frank Cornell, **Hans Gaare** and **Clinton Logas** will celebrate their second wedding anniversary at Letterman soon. **Frank Cornell** is rated as one of California's top table tennis players. He plays in a tournament next week at Berkeley against table tennis notables **Bern Ablew** and **Frank Kovac**. If any patient is interested in seeing the games, the address is 2412 Haste Street, Berkeley, California.

Formerly a dabbler in the ceramics shop at O. T., **Fred Giroux** of Ward 1 has switched his talents to woodworking. He is making a coffee table now and intends to put a hand-tooled leather top on it.

William Ferguson has deserted Ward C-1 after several months on that ward. He has moved to Ward G-2.

It seems that there was a slight error of \$98 in the report that **Allan Marcus** was seen at Golden Gate Fields in the line leading to the \$2.00 window. He says it was the \$100 window. The question now is: Was he in the "buy" line or the "pay" line? We still don't know how he made out.

Operating Room
Gets "The New
Look" With Color

"The wearing of the green" is now the order of the day in the operating room at Letterman. All linens, operating room suits, scrub dresses and gowns worn in surgery have been dyed green, thereby giving "The New Look" to the operating room.

The change of color was made at the suggestion of Colonel **Leonard D. Heaton**, MC, Chief of Surgical Service, because green causes less eyestrain than dazzling white.

The effect is also decorative, with the pale-green walls providing a pleasing background for the deeper green of the garments.

ON THE SPOT



HARLAN P. HIVELY
Master Sergeant

M/Sgt. Harlan Hively, mess steward at Letterman, has a good start on his first 20 years in the Army, having been in uniform most of the time since June 1935. When he was first in the Army he was with a veterinary troop. He wanted to be an Army cook, and when his request to go to Cooks' and Bakers' School was refused, he returned to civilian life for a time. He re-enlisted, and that time got what he wanted, and became a cook at Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas. After his father's death, he got a dependency discharge, and was in the reserves until called back to active duty in February 1941.

M/Sgt. Hively was born in Martha, Oklahoma, and grew up in Texas, but considers California his home now, since he came here in 1939. After his return to the Army in 1941 he was assigned duty at the Station Hospital at Camp Callan, California, where he was mess sergeant for over a year, after which he had the same assignment at Fort Lewis, Washington, until he went overseas with the 70th Station Hospital in August 1943. He was with the 70th in Africa, Italy, and France, as first sergeant of the detachment.

In March 1945 he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps, and went to duty with the 69th General Hospital as mess officer, with additional duties of Personnel, War Bond and PX officer. He returned to the States by air in September 1945, and was at Camp Carson, Colorado and Fort Sheridan, Illinois, as mess officer before receiving his discharge in May, 1947. He re-enlisted at LGH, and came to his present assignment last June.

He and his wife, Katherine, met in San Francisco, and were married here in 1941.

Mail Christmas Packages Overseas Before Nov. 15

Christmas packages for military personnel overseas should be mailed between now and November 15, in order to assure timely delivery, it has been announced by Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell, the Adjutant General.

It is advised that discretion be used in the choice of gifts this year, as the soldier overseas now is amply provided with food and clothing. He can also purchase candy, gum, cigarettes and lighters, toiletries and other comfort items.

Gifts should be packed securely in box materials of metal, wood or very strong fiberboard. It is recommended that the addressee's name, together with a list of the contents, be written on a slip of paper inside the box. This will insure delivery even if the outside address should be obliterated by numerous handlings.

Addresses should be placed directly on the box or wrapping and not on gummed labels which may become moist and loosen.

The weight limit is 70 pounds, and maximum measurements 100 inches, length and girth combined. This is approximately the size of a footlocker.

MORE ON VA LOANS

(Continued from Page 1)

institutions required veterans to make no down payments in 57 per cent of the loans in the San Francisco area, in 26 per cent of the loans in the Los Angeles area and less than one per cent of the loans in the San Diego area.

Down payments of \$1,000 or less were required in 29 per cent of the loans in San Francisco, 53 per cent in Los Angeles and 84 per cent in San Diego.

Down payments ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 were required in 11 per cent of the loans in the San Francisco area, 17 per cent in Los Angeles and 14 per cent in San Diego.

The Veterans Administration has guaranteed a total of 96,739 G. I. home loans in California with a total value of \$756,704,000.

Wilken pointed out that the veteran has proven himself a good loan risk since only 15 loans have been defaulted to the extent that they resulted in claims against the government.

LIEUT. COLEMAN NOW AT LGH AFTER TWO TOURS OF DUTY IN THE ETO



First Lieut. MARGARET D. COLEMAN, ANC
Began duty on ward G-1 this week

First Lieut. Margaret D. Coleman, ANC, comes from a medical-minded family. Her mother was a nurse, her grandfather a doctor, and Lieut. Coleman wanted to be a surgeon. However, when the war began, she decided that would take too long, since she wanted to get into action as soon as possible, so she settled for nurse's training instead. She finds she likes nursing so well that she has applied for appointment in the Regular Army Nurse Corps.

She was born in Richmond, Virginia, and received her training as a nurse at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, New Hampshire. She did civilian nursing for a time at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, then joined the Army in December 1944. She had six months' basic training at Fort Devens, then went to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, to prepare for overseas duty with the 135th Evacuation Hospital. She served in France and Germany, arriving in March 1945 and returning to the States in September of that year, when the 135th was disbanded.

In January 1946 she again went

overseas and served in England with the 6th Field Hospital, and in Amberg, Germany, with the 16th Station Hospital. She enjoyed her overseas duty very much, she says, and availed herself of every opportunity to visit various cities in the countries in which she was stationed. She came back to the States in September 1946 as a patient on a hospital ship, and was hospitalized at Walter Reed before returning to duty.

After her two tours of duty in the ETO, Lieut. Coleman though she would like a Pacific overseas assignment, but when she asked for assignment to Letterman and her request was granted, she was so pleased she gave up the Pacific idea for the present.

Her off-duty interests include dancing, bowling, reading, horseback riding and flying. She especially enjoys horseback riding, and would even like to try fox-hunting. She has had some flying lessons, and liked them so much that she hopes some day to have her own plane.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Billy Cooper of the PX Grill became the bride of Augie Becerra at a wedding ceremony in San Francisco on 9 October. Her friends wish her every happiness in her marriage.

Ace Guth, Ward D-1, visited her granddaughter in Oakland recently, and Ace reports that when she left for Oakland it was raining cats and dogs but when she returned Sunday the weather was definitely changed, being somewhat hot, and she felt silly loaded down with rain paraphernalia.

During the World Series games Emily Knepp, Dental Branch, won two baseball pools, which made her very happy.

Marion Breach, Military Personnel, was welcomed back after spending a week at home combating the flu.

Ruth Farley resigned recently from the Dental Branch. Ruth says her plans for the future are indefinite.

Adolph Gados, PX Grill, won \$13 from Flo Speakman on the World Series.

Spencer Collingham, Registrar, Bill O'Brien, Records Administrator, and two friends spent the week-end deer hunting in Trinity County, California. Between the four two deer were bagged, Mr. Collingham came back to work with tales of the deer hunt, and bearing a few scratches and bruises.

An attack of flu kept Lillian Taylor of Registrar at home recently, but she is back at work and recovering rapidly. Also on the flu list recently was Louise Smith of CDD Section.

Jeanette Gardiner of the Sick & Wounded Section spent a week's vacation resting at home.

Diane Carter, Book Bindery, returned from a three weeks' vacation which she spent at Walnut Creek.

Library

A book for salt and fresh water fishermen of all ages is Harlan Major's "Basic Fishing." Included is a helpful discussion of the use of both natural and artificial bait, a guide from the "bent pin" technique to the more intricate aspects of equipment, illustrations of tackle and how to make it, etc. Read it and then go catch yourself a whopper. In the Library.

MEDICAL DETACH

Greetings and salutations to Sergeant Earl Brewer. The hospital extends a hand of welcome to the newcomer.

There is a tournament being held now among personnel in the Physical Reconditioning Branch. Still in the running, with tennis, swimming, and rope climbing yet to go, are Richard Brower, Julius Engel, Steve Ferenay, and Joe Beard.

If you haven't heard George Norris on the Special Services Specialities show, you should. Beside announcing weekly activities, he croons a mighty fine tune.

A certain Pfc. was promoted to Corporal recently. It was nearly too much for him. All that evening in his sleep, he was heard to say, "Corporal McDaniel, Corporal McDaniel, Corporal McDaniel . . ."

Chris Liossis was a bit shocked at the score of the Ohio State-University of Southern California game. The little dynamo, who hails from Massillon, Ohio, is certainly a loyal rooter for the home state boys.

Our thanks to the many who contributed to the Community Chest at the pay table the first of the month. The Medical Detachment raised a total of \$188.00. There is also a table in the main ramp where donations are accepted and information is given. If any of you get ambitious and have any questions, stop and speak to the man in charge. He has been nicknamed "Chester" . . .

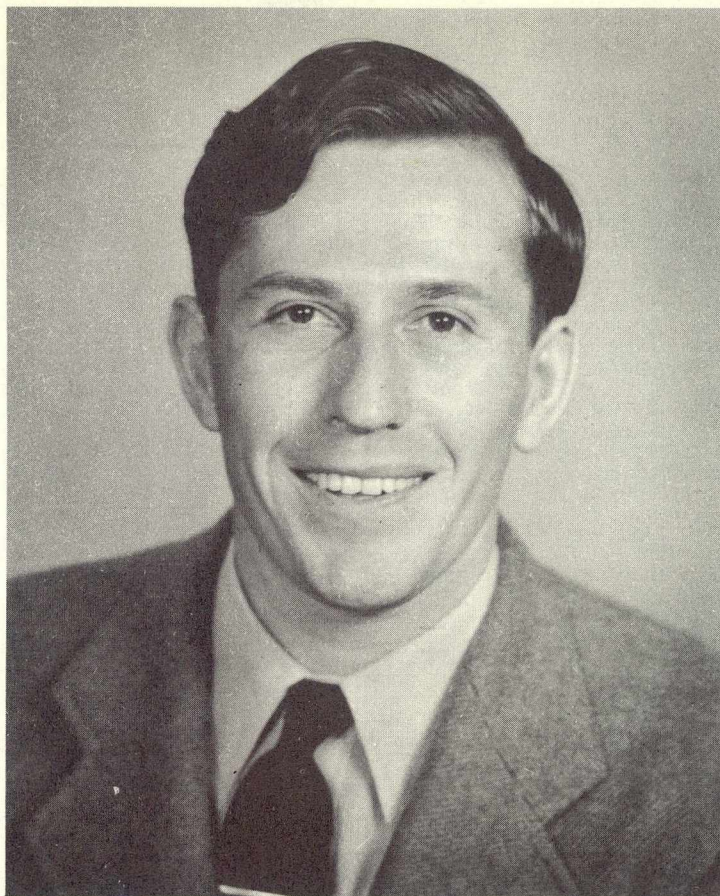
The football games being staged at Letterman are really a treat. The boys are playing tackle with the following results.

Taped backs
Aching joints
Calloused hands
Kicked shins
Little bruises
Energetic fun

(All of which spells Tackle)

With the chow hall closing practically before the sun gets up, several fellows have adopted the Coffee Shop for 'A hot one' and java every morning before eight a. m. Some of the regular customers are John Mahon, Kenneth Dick, Neil Mould, and Albert Dorn.

CHIEF OF VA GUIDANCE UNIT IS SPECIALIST IN COUNSELING FIELD



LEO C. V. COULSON
Chief, Veterans Administration Guidance Unit, LGH

Leo C. V. Coulson, who came to Letterman last April as psychometrist in the Veterans Administration office here, took over the duties of chief of the VA guidance unit at LGH when Harold Mosher, the former chief, left last month.

Mr. Coulson, himself a veteran of World War II, is a native of San Francisco. He majored in education at San Francisco State College, taking his B. A. degree shortly before he enlisted in the Army in June 1941. He was with the Army Air Force, and was first trained as an aviation mechanic, and served at Mather Field, Sacramento, and at Williams Field in Phoenix, Arizona. Later, when he was at Santa Ana Army Air Base, he was assigned to duty on the psychological testing program, testing cadets for air crew classification.

He remained at Santa Ana for a year and a half, and was then sent to Sheppard Field, Texas, working with a testing unit there. He became a specialist in group testing, testing

an average of 200 persons daily, with an occasional maximum of 450 individuals per day. Testing gunners for B-29 gunnery school was his assignment at Buckley Field, Denver, Colo. He was later at Fort George Wright, AAF convalescent center at Spokane, Washington, where he did individual testing of combat fatigue cases, working in cooperation with Army psychiatrists, and giving personality tests. He received his discharge in December 1945, after nearly five years in service.

He has been with Veterans Administration since February 1946, first as psychometrist and test administrator, then as associate vocational advisor. Before coming to Letterman, he was in the San Francisco VA office. Mr. Coulson is interested in starting a group guidance program here in the near future as a part of the VA counseling service.

He and his wife Mabeth recently bought a home in South San Francisco. They have a son, Larry, who is now 14 months old.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Enlisted detachment members at the Hospital Train Section received instruction in a few of the fundamentals of soldiering in classes held by Capt. Robert P. Allen on October 8 and 9. The men were shown the standards required for the weekly inspections.

Latest addition to the enlisted detachment is M/Sgt. Louis Latronico, who has been assigned to Medical Supply.

Floors in the enlisted detachment barracks showed a decided improvement (according to the occupants) after a two-night session of scrubbing and polishing. T/5 Leslie Mainier and T/Sgt. James Mitchell were seen padding around in their stocking feet to protect the newly acquired finish in their room.

1st/Sgt. Dicks got back from his three-day pass, spent in moving furniture, with only one wound. The sarge says he hit a packing case a pretty good blow with his head, but there are those who say the lump on his cranium looks like the mark of Mrs. Dick's rolling pin.

Cpl. Don Morgan took over as duty NCO at Crissy Annex while 1/Sgt. T. Garland took a three-day pass.

T/5 Alvin Turner finally got out of the hospital after a two-week session with an infected toe. Also back to duty after lengthy hospitalization are S/Sgt. Albert Mills and Pfc. Raymond Gonzales.

Almost all the Crissy Annex personnel who didn't attend the ceremonies in the Marina on the tenth, found time to line the bayshore as the Honda Knot steamed into the harbor bearing the first of the war dead.

A group of Train Section officers and EM chartered the Special Services fishing boat on October 12 and took an all day trip to San Pablo Bay in search of the seemingly elusive seabass. Capt. Pederson won the five dollar pool with his two fish, and Capt. Wilcox did a bit of lamenting over his flounder which got thrown overboard by mistake. T/Sgt. "Red" Mitchell and T/5's Harold Carey and Glen Cromer got to the pier about five minutes after the boat left. No doubt the boys will get up a little earlier next time!

Answering the Veterans' Queries

The deadline for veterans of World War II to reinstate their lapsed G. I. term insurance with a comparative health statement is December 31, 1947.

A "comparative health statement" is a simple statement over the veteran's signature to the effect that his health is as good now as when he allowed his term insurance to lapse. This statement, plus two monthly premiums, is all that is needed for reinstatement.

Following are answers to the questions most frequently asked the Veterans Administration about National Service Life Insurance:

Q. How can a G. I. policy offer so many advantages for so low a premium?

A. Because the Government assumes all costs of administration and of extra hazards due to military and naval service. Also, there is no extra charge calculated in the premium for those engaged in hazardous occupations, or for the waiver of premiums in case of total disability for 6 consecutive months or more.

Q. When will I start getting dividends on my NSLI?

A. Dividends will be paid as soon as the administrative work of determining the amount due each participant can be accomplished.

Q. When will I receive a regular insurance policy instead of my certificate?

A. Policy forms are being drafted to include changes made necessary by recent insurance legislation designed to make NSLI fit the peacetime needs of veterans. They will be distributed when the VA branch offices can handle the extra work without interfering with the primary purpose of giving service to those who are keeping their insurance in force.

Q. Why do I have to pay two monthly premiums when I reinstate my lapsed policy?

A. One premium is for the 31-day grace period following the date of lapse, during which the insurance was continued in force without payment of premium; the other premium is for the current month of the reinstatement.

Q. What is the difference between Term Insurance and Converted Insurance?

A. Term insurance provides the same protection for a specified period to the insured's beneficiaries in the event of death, as does converted insurance. However, term insurance accrues no cash, loan or paid-

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

Unpaid income taxes due on incomes earned before entry into the armed forces are being checked by collectors of Internal Revenue. Sixty-five thousand veterans in New Jersey alone have received notices of delinquency.

The U.S. Army Recruiting Service has been redesignated the U.S. Army and Air Force Recruiting Service to help dispel the mistaken impression that each Service will recruit independently. Recruiting for both the Army and the Air Force will be continued by existing organizations.

A change of regulations in force since 1920 now permits Navy personnel to have more shore liberty. An order from the Chief of Naval Operations authorizes two-thirds of a ship's crew to go ashore at one time in port. Previously, no more than one-half of the crew could get liberty.

Description of the new Army dress blue uniform will be forthcoming shortly. The uniform will be authorized for optional purchase and off-duty wear by all personnel. The old dress blue uniform will be authorized for wear until June 30, 1949.

The new USAFI catalogue has been approved officially by the three Services, thus becoming the first publication officially authenticated by the Army, Navy and Air Force.

More than 50 per cent of all terminal leave bonds were cashed during the first month they became redeemable. Payments totaled \$922,000,000. Bonds are be-

ing cashed at a rate of approximately \$10,000,000 daily with authorities expecting a new spurt around Christmas.

Credit for foreign service henceforth will not be given to military personnel ordered to temporary duty at foreign service stations. This does not include personnel performing transport service.

Foreign decorations may now be accepted for services rendered to cobelligerent and neutral nations, and other American republics. Deadline for acceptance has been extended for one year to July 24, 1948.

WAC officer integration information is being readied for inclusion in a letter to be sent by the Adjutant General to all officers and former officers of the WAC.

Of momentous interest to all Wacs and nurses is the decision of the Quartermaster Corps on the battle of the hemlines. The official attitude on skirt lengths is to let women in the Army decide for themselves.

CAPITAL CAPSULE: President Harry S. Truman recently held an audience with some Gold Star Mothers. The President shook hands with each, spoke briefly. His simple concluding remark, which caught in the throats of his visitors, epitomizes the position of the United States Government. It was:

"We are all trying to make it unnecessary for us ever again to have any Gold Star Mothers."

up insurance values, as do the permanent, life and endowment plans.

Q. Can I choose anyone I wish to be my beneficiary?

A. Yes. There is no restriction in your choice of a beneficiary.

Q. Why do I lose all that money I paid on my term policy while I was in the Armed Forces when I converted my insurance?

A. You don't lose it. While your term insurance was in force, you received insurance protection against death at a very low premium rate. Term insurance is intended to provide no more than that.

Q. How can I tell the due date on my premium?

A. In those cases where regular payments are being made, the date your premium payment is due is shown on each remittance envelope mailed by VA to policyholders. If you are not receiving these envelopes, you will find on your insurance certificate the effective date of

your policy. The date of the month on which your insurance is effective is the monthly due date for each premium.

Q. Can I convert my NSLI policy to some of the private companies?

A. No. Your National Service Life Insurance (term plan) is convertible to one or more of the six permanent plans issued by VA. These are Ordinary Life, 30-Payment Life, 20-Payment Life, 20-Year Endowment, Endowment at Age 60, and Endowment at Age 65.

He took her in his arms and whispered in her shell-like ear, "Darling, I love you. I may not be rich or have a car or spend money like Sergeant Brown, but I'll do anything in the world for you."

Two soft white arms reached around his shoulders and two ruby lips whispered, "Darling, introduce me to Sergeant Brown."

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

SPECIAL: Art Class: Tues. 2-3—Solarium—Miss Yvonne Perry.

Charcoal Figure Drawing

A new Art Class will be organized Tuesday, 21 October, to be held in the Solarium at 2:00 p. m. Miss Perry, the art instructor will be there with some of her own drawings. The materials will be supplied by the Army, and volunteers from the class itself will do the modeling. Anyone interested in joining this class may do so by enrolling at the Education office, Bldg. 1039—or just drop in and see the class in action.

The evening typing classes are in progress and will continue through January on Monday and Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00 and 7:00-8:00. There are openings in both classes.

Specific help for Army personnel who wish to prepare themselves for the MOS tests coming up next March is in the cards, according to the "Army Times."

The aid is in the form of a new USAFI manual especially prepared for personnel who desire to qualify themselves to the greatest degree possible in preparation for the forthcoming Career Guidance Plan.

The manual is a complete listing of USAFI courses classified according to the Military Occupational Specialty titles. In other words, whatever your MOS, you simply look it up in the manual and listed with it you'll find the USAFI courses which are directly related to your particular job.

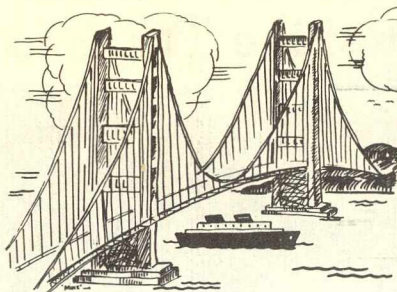
Although there are some MOS job descriptions for which no USAFI courses are available, the manual does represent the principal courses in the USAFI curriculum which are closely tied in with the achievement of the highly specialized skills demanded by the MOS classifications.

For example, if you're a "Clerk, General," you look it up under the alphabetical listing in the manual and you'll find listed with it:

PRINCIPAL USAFI COURSES—

Bkkg. and Acctg., Bkkg. and Acctd. II, Business Filing, Modern Business English, Basic Military Records I, Basic Military Records II, Army Typewriting, Business Correspondence.

"CAREER WISE IS USAFI WISE"



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Popular Chaplain Click Leaves for Hawaiian Post

When Chaplain Albert F. Click closes the Book at the conclusion of his services tomorrow morning he will also close his career at Letterman and begin a 45 day pre-embarkation leave of absence before sailing for his new station in the Hawaiian Islands.

The chaplain joined us almost two years ago on his return from plenty of combat experience in the southwest Pacific area. The same zeal and enthusiasm he generated in battle came with him to the quieter task of visiting the sick and wounded and it is not at all difficult to account for his widespread popularity throughout this command.

In his ministration to the patients of this hospital he knew no limits to his "duty hours" and the ambulatory patient returning from a midnight pass would be just as likely to meet the chaplain on an errand of mercy as one would see him on his morning rounds of the wards. He never failed to check with the Receiving Office before "calling it a day" and his movements were so well known to the staff that he could be located for emergencies at any hour of the day or night.

His relations with the duty personnel were characterized by a warmth which made him welcome anywhere. Some of the old timers, wise in the ways of the army, once—but only once—thought they could "rib" the chaplain. They learned the hard way that he could hand out better than he received.

After Chaplain Click had been with us four months one of those directives emanating from Washington put him in a category to be relieved from active duty. Within a few days, another of those directives, likewise emanating from Washington, made it possible to recall him. There was no time lost do-



**Chaplain (Captain) ALBERT F. CLICK
Leaves Letterman for Hawaii**

ing just that and he remained until this time.

The chaplain, as a member of the Northwest Texas Methodist conference, says he has been in so many parts of his native state that he has to think twice to remember his home town. He was born and brought up in Greenville and his family has lived in that vicinity since the Civil War days. The chaplain attended McMurry College in Abilene, and later took his degree at Panhandle A & M at Goodwell, Okla.,

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UN is Urged to Begin Study of Bacterial Warfare

(AFPS) — Should bacteriological warfare ever be resorted to among nations, a single small laboratory could manufacture enough germs to spread death among humans, animals and plants on an appalling scale, it has been reported by the American Association of Scientific Workers.

In a memorandum submitted to the United Nations at Lake Success, N. Y., the Association urged immediate study of bacterial warfare. The memorandum listed eleven forms of disease already investigated for possible use. The Association called warfare with germs the "pre-eminent terror weapon."

The Association, representing 1,500 scientists, informed the United Nations that a milliliter of parrot fever virus, an amount that would be measured by dropper, would be sufficient to infect 20,000,000 people with the deadly disease. Ordinary laboratories with only common equipment could make thousands of milliliters, the memorandum stated.

The memorandum requested the UN assembly to undertake a preliminary study of available facts, and listed 148 references in both general and technical literature. It asked that the Assembly instruct the UN Atomic Energy Commission to devote part of its time to the problem, and pointed out that though bacterial warfare has never been used in military operations, it was being investigated and developed by both Germany and Japan at the outbreak of World War II.

Among known diseases experimented with for military purposes during the war were: Botulism, anthrax, rabbit fever, undulant fever, glanders, parrot fever, rinderpest, Newcastle disease of poultry, fowl plague, fungus diseases of plants, and synthetic hormone poisoning of plants.

Surgeon General

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, the Surgeon General of the Army, was a Letterman visitor for a brief period this week.

General Bliss was en route to Washington after completing an inspection of the medical facilities in the Pacific area. He was accompanied on the trip from Honolulu by Lieutenant Colonel J. T. McCigony, MC, officer in charge of construction of the new Tripler General Hospital.

Everything from Hobbies to Entertainment at the "Y"

There's an amazing amount of recreational activity always going on at the "Y" here on the post, and Letterman patients and duty personnel are quick to take advantage of it.

Not only do they find entertainment at the Presidio YMCA, they can also work on their hobbies. If it's music they want, they can use a piano in one of the music rooms. They can swim in the pool. They can learn to dance. They can play billiards or table tennis. They can join the "Masquers," the "Y" dramatic group, and try out their acting ability.

Just recently something new has been added to the building—a 75-foot ramp which makes it possible for wheel-chair patients to roll into the "Y" on their own.

The "Y" is open daily—and that means seven days a week — from 8:30 a. m. until 10 p. m., and on Wednesday and Saturday until 10:30 p. m.

Here's a quick look at the scheduled activities of a typical week. One Sunday there is a hymn sing at noon, a classical music hour at 2:30 p. m., and an informal Sunday evening program with a concert, followed by refreshments. These refreshments are furnished through the courtesy of various San Francisco American Legion posts and auxiliaries, who often bring as many as 30 homemade cakes in one evening.

Then comes a community sing with the popular Vera. Vera is Mrs. Vera Frazier, who has done volunteer work with the "Y" since 1941. She is a senior hostess, and rolled up a record number of hours, over 6,000, given to playing the piano for the entertainment of those who use the "Y."

Monday is the day for the big USO Camp Show—this week it was "Girl Crazy" that packed in an audience of over 500 in the auditorium. In the afternoon Kate Doherty plays the piano for a community sing in the lobby which is broadcast over Letterman's radio station KLGH. Following the evening show, there is a game of bank bingo.

Besides the USO shows a number of Bay Area theatrical groups put on plays regularly. The Theatre Arts Colony, the Bay Theatre and the Elizabeth Holloway groups have all given performances recently. The Hospitalized Veterans Entertainment Committee also puts on shows in the auditorium.

On Tuesday evenings the G. I.



THE NEW RAMP AT THE ARMY YMCA HERE

Recently completed, the ramp makes it easy for wheelchair patients to get in and out of the building and enjoy the many entertainment features offered at the "Y".

Gospel Hour is scheduled at 7 p. m. There is a hymn sing, musical entertainment and a religious speaker. Pfc. Harlan Gerlack of Letterman's 358th Army Band is chairman for the Gospel Hour.

A new crafts and hobbies group will meet hereafter on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Huber, an expert in the craft field who has recently joined the "Y" staff. Mrs. Huber, assisted by Mrs. Charles Larcom, Mrs. Glenn Coffeen and Mrs. Mildred Lunt, will teach shellcraft, leatherwork, ceramics, textile painting and pyro lacing.

Ray Kyler, an ex-GI, plays the piano for singing on Wednesday evenings at 7, and Wednesday is one of the two dance nights at the "Y." Members of the volunteer group known as the Girls Service Organization are hostesses at the dances. Miss Lois Anderson is president of the group.

On Thursday there is dancing instruction for both a beginners and an advanced group, the former at 6 p. m., the latter at 7. Miss Marlowe is the instructor.

Mrs. Blodgett conducts a sewing hour on Friday at 6:30. Also at 6:30

is the program "Dramatic Moments in Music." This is conducted by Mrs. Hazel Lindsay of the San Francisco Schools extension department, who lectures on music and also plays the piano and sings during the program. There are movie shorts and a country dance, too, on Friday evenings. The square dances are under the direction of Annabelle Ranstem.

On Saturday nights the "Y" holds its popular Juke Box Cabaret dance, with a special floor show and refreshments.

The Masquers Club is one of the most popular of the "Y" groups. Since its inception a little over a year ago, the group has put on several big productions, including the "Presidio Follies," "Presidio's a'Poppin'," "You Can't Take It With You," and a big minstrel show. They are now rehearsing for "Show Boat," which will be given in the "Y" auditorium in November.

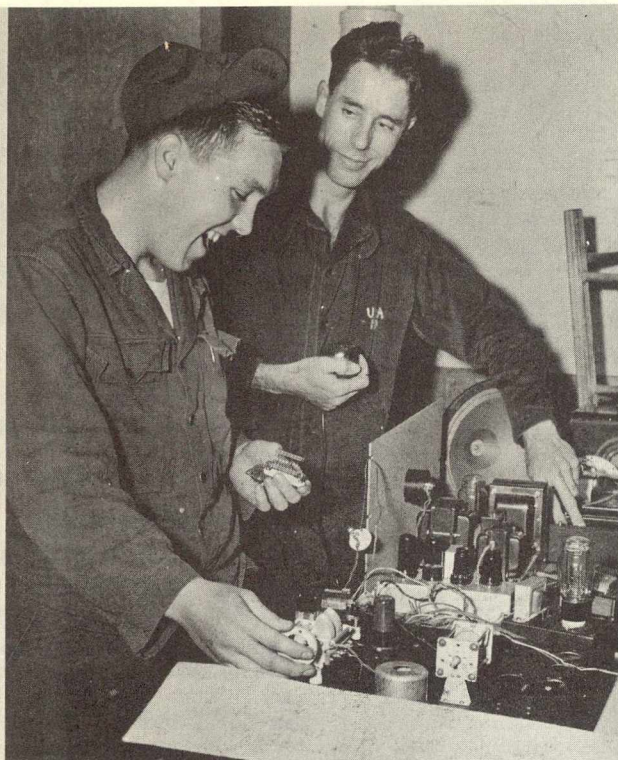
The Masquers include members of the Girls' Service Organization, Sixth Army personnel, Letterman patients and detachment personnel. Among those now rehearsing with the "Show Boat" cast are the following from Letterman: Frances Black, Ca-

rolyn Fix, Jack Hanson, Jim Wolfe, Joe Gilbert, William White, Joseph Irla, Richard Gordon Dick Rosse and Dick Winters. Kenneth Whitcomb of the 358th Army Band is scoring the music for the show.

There is a lot of activity in the craft shop, where model planes, model trains and model boats are made. There is a radio room where radios can be repaired or new ones constructed, and a photography dark room for those who want to develop and print their own pictures.

Personnel of the Army "Y" are as well known and liked as they deserve to be for their outstanding program of service to Army personnel. The Executive Secretary is Mr. H. A. Loomis, always referred to (and he likes to be) as "Pop" Loomis. Program directors are Bob Herrick, Ernie Kuempel and Dick Fernandez. Mrs. J. M. Huber conducts the crafts program. Miss Irene Whelan is business secretary. Miss Virginia Olson, Mr. Loomis' secretary, is also well known as a member of the Masquers Club, and is responsible, too, for the clever sketches that lend color to the weekly bulletins.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



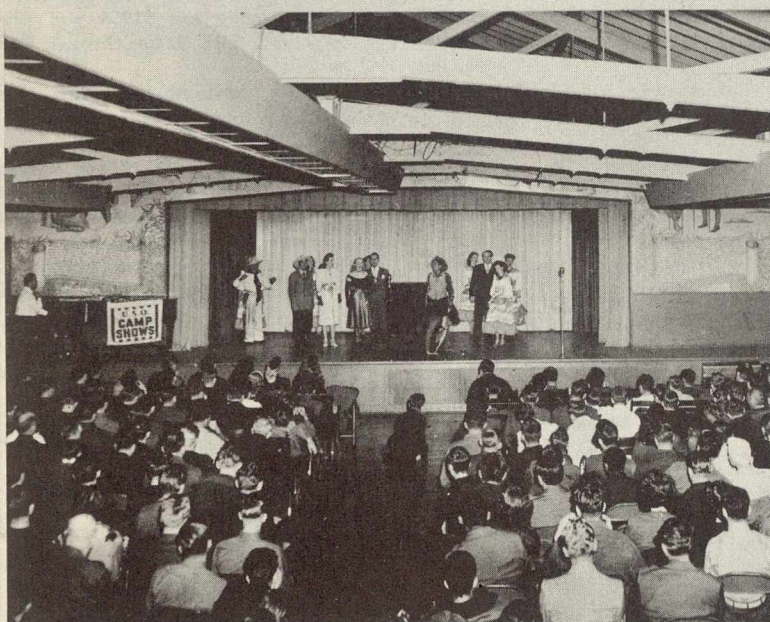
COMPLICATED--BUT FUN

Gerald McDonald of the Information Office, LGH, and Herman Giles, patient on ward B-2, work together in the radio repair room at the "Y"



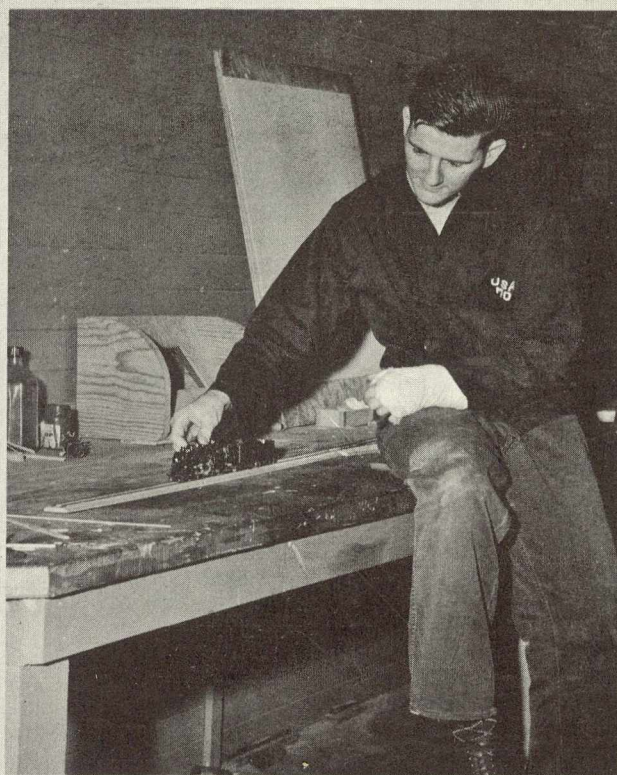
SALES TALK

Virginia Olson of the "Y" tells Cecil Brooks of ward E-2 about the Community Chest agencies while Colonel Dean F. Winn, LGH Commanding officer, looks on



"GIRL CRAZY"

This week's USO show at the "Y" had a large and enthusiastic audience.



NOW IT'S MODEL TRAINS

Charles Girsberger, patient on ward C-2, and the model train he is making at the "Y" craft shop. He goes in for many phases of transportation -- model planes and boats as well as the trains.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

HAVE YOU GIVEN?

Next week will be the last week of the Community Chest campaign for funds. The drive will continue until the end of October. Letterman personnel have responded generously to the appeal, and have already contributed over \$1500 for the chest.

But there are still many who are not yet wearing the red feather—the badge of generosity which tells that you have given to help others less fortunate than yourself. The 70 social agencies whose work is carried on by means of Community Chest fund had as their goal the sum of \$3,327,000. The quota set for Letterman was \$2500. This means that we are nearly \$1000 short of meeting our quota.

Even the smallest contribution is welcome. The price of a movie or a between-meal snack will help. The agencies that get the money from the Community Chest help the needy without regard for creed or color.

These are some of the services they give: care of dependent and neglected children; care in day nurseries for children whose mothers work; care for infants pending adoption; counseling service to people in trouble; help to the aged and handicapped; nursing care in the homes of the poor; clinic and hospital services for those unable to pay full costs; health education; neighborhood and community service.

Have you given yet?

WAC

We understand that T/4 Birchfield has a new nick-name—"Kitty," that is.

There is always a good representation of the gals at the monthly Sunday night dinner at the Presidio N.C.O. Club. M/Sgt. Opal Glenn, S/Sgt. Josephine Porter, S/Sgt. Margaret Drescher, T/4 Henrietta Colari, T/4 Mildred Steck, T/5 Lee Lamascus, T/5 Anna Christiansen, S/Sgt. Nancy Banvard, and Pfc. Helen Goodman were among those who were there last Sunday.

S/Sgt. Elizabeth Hess decided to go on the excursion boat for a trip up the Bay. When she got on the boat, to her amazement she found out that she was going on a fishing trip and not for an excursion trip. But Betty made the best of the situation by catching the largest crab of the day's catch and a fish weighing (according to Betty) between five and six pounds.

"Matthew" the cat, who belongs to T/4 Aletha Birchfield, never forgets the Orderly Room C.Q.s. Each morning he awakens the C.Q. to say "Good Morning" to her and is the last one to say "Good night" to her.

From now on it will be T/5 Blanche Tremblay who will play the organ in the Hospital Chapel. We are enjoying her music very much.

Lost: One Blue Book in Barracks 213. Finder please return to S/Sgt. Betty Hess. She will remain unhappy until the book is found.

First Anniversary Of "Music of the Masters" Program

The recorded program "Music of the Masters" which is heard every evening over Letterman's radio station KLGH from 8:30 to 10:30 will have a special anniversary broadcast next Tuesday evening, 28 October, to mark the completion of one year on the air.

Alfred Frankenstein, music critic of the San Francisco Chronicle, has been invited to speak during the broadcast. Sergeant Harry Wagner, who arranges and conducts the programs, is planning a particularly interesting program for the anniversary broadcast. The records played on "Music of the Masters" are from Sergeant Wagner's own collection of 20,000 records.



Two newcomers were welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps staff this week. First Lieut. Caesarina Barrie, who recently returned from overseas duty in Korea, has come to Letterman after enjoying leave at her home in Petaluma, and is on duty on ward N-1. First Lieut. Ruth T. Mills of Brooklyn, N. Y., is on duty in ward G-1. Lieut. Mills has been on transport duty, having served as chief nurse on the "George Goethals," the "Edward B. Alexander" and the "Comfort," before coming to LGH.

Captain Vida Buehler, chief of Physical Therapy, enjoyed a brief visit recently from her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Stapler of Juneau, Alaska. The Staplers came from Alaska to get a new car, and they went to Detroit for it, and visited relatives in various parts of the States before returning home to Alaska.

Physical Therapy Department is regretting the loss of T/3 Agda Johnson, though they are glad for her good fortune. This week she received orders for overseas duty. She has been hoping for them for some time, so that she could join her husband, T/4 Charles Johnson, in Germany.

Lieut. Col. Elsie E. Schneider has returned from her leave, part of which she spent at Carmel. She reports a very enjoyable time.

First Lieut. Vernal Piper has gone East on a 30-day leave, and is spending a part of the time with relatives in Morton, Pennsylvania.

MORE ABOUT CHAPLAIN CLICK

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completing his theological course at Southern Methodist University. Except for a brief period mentioned above, he has been on extended active duty since March 1941.

Chaplain Click and his family take with them the best wishes of everyone here for a very pleasant tour in "The Paradise of the Pacific."

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 26 October, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Rosary Devotions: 1 Oct. to 2 Nov.

Week days at 1900. Sundays after 0800 Mass.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Stenographer and Typist Examinations Are Announced

The Civil Service Commission this week announced forthcoming examinations for the positions of Stenographer, CAF-2 and CAF-3, and Typist, CAF-1 through CAF-3. The positions will be in various federal agencies in California, Arizona and Nevada.

Applications will be accepted until further notice, and the application forms may be obtained from Civilian Personnel office here, Room 201, LGH Administration Building. The salaries for the position of Stenographer are \$1954 and \$2168 a year; Typist, \$1756 through \$2168 a year.

Other positions for which examinations have been announced include the following:

Dental assistant, \$1822 through \$2168 a year; dental hygienist, \$2168 and \$2394; dental technician, \$2168 through \$3397. Closing date on applications, 6 November 1947.

Library assistant, \$2168 and \$2394 a year. Applications due by 12 November 1947. The library positions are for Washington, D. C., and vicinity.

Junior professional assistant, \$2644 a year. Applications due by 4 November 1947.

Junior agricultural assistant, \$2644 a year. Applications due by 4 November 1947.

Inspector (general construction), \$2394 and \$2644 a year. Applications taken until further notice.

Persons interested in any of the foregoing may contact Civilian Personnel to learn details of specific requirements for each of these positions.

WAC OF THE WEEK



OLIVE DEAL
Staff Sergeant

On Army records, it's S/Sgt. Golden O. Deal, because the Army does insist on first names first, but Sgt. Deal is better known by her middle name of Olive. Golden is her mother's family name. Before she was in the WAC people had a lot of fun telling her how easy it was to remember her name by thinking of a "misdeal" in cards. "But they were just as likely to say 'misdealt' as 'Miss Deal,'" she remarks.

She was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and likes to point out that the year was 1897. "I'm proud to be in the WAC at 50," she says. Before she joined the Army she was a cashier and bookkeeper, working in Chicago for Thompson's restaurants and Walgreen's drugstores in those capacities. She has also owned beauty shops. She joined the Army on Memorial Day, 1944. "I wanted to come in on that day in memory of my grandfather, who fought in the Civil War," she says.

She had basic training at Des Moines, and was first stationed at Camp Cooke, where she was with the Quartermaster Corps, and helped equip the 97th Division for overseas duty. In February 1945 she was sent to DeWitt General Hospital, and was in charge of medical supply there until the hospital closed. Her next duty station was Fort Ord, where she was chief clerk of surplus property branch, and later was again in medical supply.

In May of this year S/Sgt. Deal came to Letterman. Her duties here are in the mess office, and she is head cashier for military personnel on separate rations.

Photography and taking exploratory trips in her car are her favorite occupations at present. She especially likes driving up and down San Francisco's steepest hills.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Patients on ward D-2 finally talked **Bill Donley** into getting a haircut. They say it was a tough job for them, but they won out, and Bill is now much more ornamental.

First Sergeant **Rudolf Rhode** (Ret.) is a patient on ward E-2. He is well acquainted with Letterman, having made his first trip here in 1914. To quote Sergeant Rhode: "Letterman is still a good hospital."

Wayne Moody of ward C-1 came back recently from a pass with his nose broken. He claims it was done in a bus accident, but won't give out with any details.

The World Affairs Council of San Francisco is arranging for speakers for the Discussion Group which meets in ward E-1 on alternate Wednesday evenings.

Lyle Bowen, who is a ward attendant on S-2, is at present a patient on ward C-1. He says he prefers the job of doing to the ordeal of being done for.

Dean Hendersen of ward C-55 is fast becoming an accomplished weaver. Dean makes the cloth and Mrs. Hendersen converts it into suits and skirts for herself and their 7-year-old daughter. Dean wasn't getting enough production by using only the loom at the Occupational Therapy Shop, so he made a loom to use at home, and continues his work there. Mrs. Henderson supervises.

Seventeen-year-old **Bud Flickinger**, of ward E-2, outdid the football sharpies to win the radio on last week's football scoreboard contest. Bud picked 33 winners out of the possible 40. Now that he has his radio, his friends are asking him for his help on figuring out this week's winners.

Armando Novelo of ward E-2 is passing out cigars. Armando, recently a father for the first time, is gathering information from long-time daddies. He even took one with him to the PX to aid him in selecting diapers.

Richard Bell just returned from a 30-day furlough. He had a wonderful time just loafing and playing with his two children.

Reginald Greenbrook, recently discharged from Letterman after four years hospitalization, now has a ra-

Los Angeles is now her home town, and when she returns to civilian life she plans to go into business there selling cosmetics.

dio program of his own. He plays the organ over San Jose's station KJSO on Sunday afternoons from 1400 to 1500. His friends here wish him good luck in his radio career.

Lieut. Col. **Albert Wonderlick** is finally up and about after many months on his back.

Patients who are interested in attending the Town Hall meetings held downtown every Tuesday morning at 11 a. m., may contact the Red Cross for tickets and transportation.

George Gill boasted about his ability to make fudge. Some unbelievers put him to the test. Not so good, George. Fudge isn't supposed to take all day to harden. Perhaps next time it might be an idea to use a recipe.

Ken Evans of ward F-2 has been a patient here for only a week, and already the WACs are asking about him. Ken hails from Camp Stoneman.

Elvin Wall is running hither, thither and to the Detachment of Patients, straightening out his personal affairs. He hopes to be transferred to Percy Jones soon. That hospital is nearer his home.

Richard Eyestone, the Don Juan of ward E-2, is taking advantage of his G. I. prescribed beauty rest and not moving out of the ward. And how they miss his smiling countenance.

It seems the same patients win the silver dollars every Tuesday and Thursday at the Recreation Hall. Why don't some of the rest of you come over and enjoy the coffee and show these constant winners your mental powers? You can be sure of one thing—the show is always good for a laugh.

Ernest Rangel of ward E-1 is

USO Continues Work
Although Ending Soon

New York (AFPS)—Latest reports of the United Service Organizations state that USO is financially able to carry on all present operations until going out of existence as planned at the end of the current year.

The USO now has 229 stateside operations, a dozen overseas clubs, thirty Pacific camp shows and 22 companies on a Purple Heart circuit, giving two shows per month in 191 hospitals. Up to Sept. 1, approximately 35,000,000 persons had availed themselves of USO facilities this year.

ON THE SPOT



JACK D. CRATTY
Private First Class

So far in his 25 years Pfc. Cratty has engaged in quite a variety of occupations, and if his plans for the future work out, the next few chapters in the story can be described by "From Sourdough to Scholar." He expects to receive his discharge from the Army next March, and to return to school in the fall of 1948.

In the intervening months he and a friend will take to the High Sierra to pan gold. They already have their camping equipment, and naturally they're also going to take time for fishing. They don't expect to make a big gold strike, but of course they wouldn't complain if they did.

Jack was born in Spokane, Washington, but grew up and went to school in Seattle, and he plans to return to Seattle to attend the University of Washington next fall. He wants to enter the field of education, and says that right now he's interested in so many subjects he hasn't yet made up his mind about his major. He likes history, science, psychology and philosophy.

He first came into the Army in 1940 and after receiving his discharge was in the merchant marine. He joined the Army again in 1946, and was sent to Korea. While there he was hospitalized for a hand injury, and came to LGH as a patient. When he was ready to return to duty he was assigned to the Educational Reconditioning office here. He is also doing the "On and Off the Record" column for the Fog Horn.

In his leisure time, Jack likes horseback riding and golf.

studying music theory every day under the watchful eye of Harriet Baken. Ernie plays the guitar and wants to get the theory as well as the practice.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Shirley Strunk of Out-Patient Service is wearing a sparkling new diamond on her engagement finger, and has announced her betrothal to John Dodson of St. Mary's, West Virginia. The wedding will take place in December, shortly after Christmas.

Two weeks vacation with nothing to do but fish. And that's all Edward Cox of the Orthopedic Shop did during his stay in Eureka.

Welcome to Justine Cade, who took over the secretarial duties in Occupational Therapy when Ruth deHay resigned. Miss Cade works part time in O. T. and part time in Physical Reconditioning.

Alice Torgerson of Finance spent the week end in Carmel recently and she is firmly convinced that Carmel is the most beautiful spot in the world.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Bess Putnam of Medical Service, who is on the sick list. Also recovering from an accident in which she suffered broken ribs is Jimmy Cooper of Ward F-1.

Elizabeth Bringman has joined the office force of Medical Supply. She formerly worked as messenger in Information Office, and it's nice to have her back at LGH.

Betty Strunk is back at her desk in Special Services after a two-week leave which she spent at her home in Grant's Pass, Oregon.

Betty Shute of the Recreation Center is resigning to join a newly-organized East Bay theatrical group, the Gaslight Troupers. The group will open November 4 at Dugan's, in Emeryville. Mrs. Lamburg will take over Betty's duties here.

A welcome is extended to the new employees of Letterman: Arthur Holmquist, Mary Reymers, Doris Goldsmith, Rose Ross, Helen Naish, and Phyllis Solan. We also wish to extend a welcome to the new ward and mess attendants.

In that trying period before the program, the visiting lecturer was being entertained by a local social leader of the fluttery type. Hard pressed for conversational topics, she at length inquired: "And do you believe in clubs for women?"

"Oh, yes," said the lecturer, "Yes, indeed," and then pausing significantly, he added, "but of course only when kindness fails."

RECREATION WORKER LIKES "ROCK HUNTING" FOR HER OWN RECREATION



Miss MARGARET RUSSELL
Red Cross recreation worker at Letterman.

If you mention Margaret Russell, you might get an inquiring look, but if you say "Peg" Russell, Lettermanites will know you mean the attractive blonde with the engaging dimples. Peg is responsible for Red Cross recreation activities on the general medical and the neurosurgical wards, and at present is also in charge of the Gray Lady desk. She is the sponsor for the Letterman Anglers' Club, too.

Peg is a native Californian, born in Los Angeles. She grew up in Ventura. Her parents have a cattle ranch near Ventura, and she can point with pride to the fact that one summer she and her sister and brother did all the work on the Triangle Bar ranch. "We did everything but branding," she says. She took her university degree at Pomona College in Claremont, and specialized in courses allied with recreation work. She did hotel recreation work at Furnace Creek Inn, and during the early part of the war was with Douglas Aircraft at Ventura.

She began her Red Cross activities in February 1944, and was first assigned to Camp Kearns, Utah,

where she spent 14 months. Next she went to Camp Haan, near Riverside, and while there was appointed head recreation worker for the station debarkation hospital. When that hospital closed, Peg went to Treasure Island as head recreation worker for the Fleet Hospital. Again she remained on duty until the hospital was closed, then spent five months at Corona Naval Hospital, near Los Angeles. She had always wanted to be assigned to Letterman, and got her wish when she came here in July of this year.

In her first two months in San Francisco, Peg moved no less than eight times, staying with friends while she hunted for living quarters. "But I enjoyed it," she says. "It gave me a chance to be with my friends."

She likes outdoor activities, the theatre, and has recently joined the Northern California Mineral Club. She became interested in collecting rocks when she took mineralogy in college. Now she intends to go in seriously for "rock-hunting," polish the stones herself, and design jewelry. She is looking forward to going on a club field trip to Berkeley next week to look for agates.



To Captain and Mrs. James McCormick, a girl, **Janis Jean**, born 7 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Dean Wood, a boy, **Dennis K.**, born 7 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Norman K. Mainwaring, a boy, **Norman Robert**, born 7 October.

To 1st and Mrs. Eldon Berglund, a boy, **John Joseph**, born 7 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Sven Bach, a boy, **Steven David**, born 8 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert Ashley, a son, **Robert A.**, born 12 October.

To Major and Mrs. Arthur J. Laib, Sr., a son, **Arthur Joseph, Jr.**, born 14 October.

To Col. and Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald, a boy, **Kenneth Craig**, born 14 October.

To T/4 and Mrs. Armando Novelo, a daughter, **Jackie Lou**, born 15 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Manley Bean, a son, **Steven Mark**, born 15 October.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Jessie White, a boy, **Donald Stanley**, born 16 October.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John Miller, a boy, **Keith John**, born 17 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Eston Smith, a girl, **Susan Tena**, born 17 October.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Antonie LaChappell, a boy, **Antonie Francis**, born 18 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond Mullin, a boy, **Franklin Joseph**, born 20 October.

To CWO and Mrs. Frank Geer, a girl, **Nancy Jane**, born 21 October.

Patient (just coming out of ether): "Doctor, why are the window shades drawn?"

Doctor: "There is a fire across the street and I didn't want you think that the operation was not a success."

Ever been embarrassed by falling down on a dance floor? Here are three swell hints on what to do:

1. Just lie there. They'll think you fainted.

2. Get up gracefully and repeat. Then they'll think it's part of the step.

3. Start mopping the floor with your handkerchief. They'll think you work there.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Non-commissioned officers of the Hospital Train Section met several weeks ago to make plans for an NCO club. Last week those plans bore fruit when it was announced to the Board of Governors that the club had been approved.

The Board of Governors, elected at the initial meeting of the NCO's, had been convening regularly to formulate a constitution and make many necessary plans for the club's operation. These were presented to the non-coms of the organization on 17 October in a meeting held at Crissy Theatre. Members of the Board are: M/Sgt Marshall Lindquist, 1/Sgt Don Dicks, T/Sgt John Cook, S/Sgt. Albert Mills, T/4 Robert Melton, Cpl. Don Morgan and T/5 Ray Housley. Officers elected were: M/Sgt Lindquist, president; T/Sgt. Cook, vice-president; T/5 Harold Carey, secretary-treasurer and T/Sgt. Warren Kernop, Steward. Capt. Robert P. Allen has been appointed as advisory officer to the group.

Last week marked the beginning of a new feature of the train section's Special Services. T/3 James Peyton announced that a limited number of football tickets would be available at his office each week.

The Presidio Post Chapel was decorated with white orchids and chrysanthemums for the marriage of Miss Janet Alberta Brookhart and T/5 Wilburne Law on Sunday, 19 October. The bride wore a white satin gown with a short veil, carrying a corsage of white roses. She was given in marriage by her stepfather, Mr. Norman L. Rice.

T/5 Richard Maurer was best man, and ushers were Pfc. Lewis Augustine and Cpl. Sam Mondello. The bridal party and a number of guests were entertained at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony. The couple will temporarily make their home at the Plaza Hotel in San Francisco.

T/Sgt. Granville Kirksey is still a patient on Ward K-2 with the old back still bothering him. Also on that ward is Pfc. Antony Simat, who is recuperating from a leg operation.

Those new tables, chairs, plates, etc., in the Crissy Annex Mess Hall cause something of a sensation.

WARREN CONLIN GOES TO SIXTH ARMY AFTER NEARLY THREE YEARS AT LGH



WARREN CONLIN Combines painting and personnel.

Warren Conlin, recently of Civilian Personnel at Letterman, has left to take over duties at Sixth Army Civilian Personnel which are similar but which cover a wider field. Specifically, he is engaged in employee utilization work, which includes training, placement and employee relations. He has been at Letterman since January 1945, and his many friends here were reluctant to see him go even such a short distance. They definitely miss the Conlin quips.

Warren is a San Franciscan, and has spent most of his life here. He attended the University of Santa Clara, spent a year at Stanford University, and also took summer courses at Northwestern University. While at Stanford he worked part time as an instructor in Corrective Speech at Santa Clara. During the war he worked at Marinship.

After coming to Letterman in 1945, Warren was in charge of the employee training program here, including the training of both office personnel and ward attendants, and also did placement and employee relations work.

He is very much interested in

modern art, and has done some paintings himself, though he is remarkably reticent about discussing them—just says he likes to see the work of modern artists.

About his other painting he is more willing to talk. He says he spent ten months painting the interior of a house. This turns out to be the house in which Warren lives with his sister and her husband, two fortunate people who had their decorating done by a perfectionist.

He insists that he often got tangled up with the wallpaper, painted some of the rooms several times in order to get them the way he wanted them, and even implies that he isn't too happy over the final result. But our spies report that the house is now an outstanding example of modern decoration, particularly one room done in Chinese red.

Warren collects records, enjoys the theatre, doesn't like the radio, hates the country, and detests picnics—"you get burrs in your socks and bees in your sandwiches." He likes to read, and finds time to keep up with the "New Yorker," "Theatre Arts," "Time" and occasionally "Variety."

MEDICAL DETACH

A new fan club has been organized for Richard Brouwer. The C Q's are thinking about a special extension phone in his own barracks.

Joe Gilbert received a mighty fine opportunity recently. He has been offered a position with the radio program "Voice of the Army" which originates from New York City. Here's wishing him all kinds of luck.

Has anyone noticed the sunsets of late? Viewed from Crissey Annex one can see the sky mellowing into a combination of red tinted clouds and brilliant yellow horizon. Now the sun has died and the lights begin to flicker from the Golden Gate Bridge across the purple waters of the Bay, interrupted only by the passing of an occasional sea voyager. It's nice to be at Crissey just at eventide.

Speaking of the Annex, there is a collection of sharp poolsters who are taking on all comers. One team is that of Daly Nye and Derold Titus.

Things we like:

The anonymous doughboy removing splinters from the feet of a Spaniel pup on the old, warped pier . . .

Bill Palesch's architectural drafting. He is currently working on the plans for converting T-1146 to the O.B. clinic. Sorry, Sergeant Oxenrider, guess you will join the many who are also house hunting . . .

Leonard Roberts' classic remark when on C.Q. awhile back. At 0530 he entered a barracks and announced, "Hit the sack boys, Hit the sack." His orders were carried out explicitly . . .

The simple explanation of the atomic bomb by "brainy" Russel Batson . . .

The cordiality of Earl Carrick in the every day performance of his job . . .

Friday evening following the inspection of the car line area quarters, which were rated 562 Superior
563 Superior
566 Superior,

several boys retreated to "The Rite Spot." Seen munching happily on hamburgers were LeRoy Hessler, George Margheim, Ellis McDiffett, Albert Eyles, and Burril Wanrow.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

World War II veterans entering any type of farm training under the G. I. Bill are now being enrolled in training courses which combine classroom instruction with practical farming and, in some cases, allow the veteran a maximum training period of four years, the Veterans Administration reports.

Known as institutional on-farm training, the program is considered full time training under the provisions of a new law recently signed by the President.

The two-year limitation on the old farm training programs will not apply to the new program. The training courses of the 1,610 California veterans enrolled under the old institutional on-farm and 291 on-the-job farm training courses will be reviewed by the state of California. Those that meet the new qualifications will be converted to the new institutional on-farm training program.

The training period will be as long as necessary to meet the particular needs of the individual veteran up to a maximum of the veterans' eligibility, which is roughly one year plus a period equal to the time spent in the armed forces. The maximum for training is four years.

Veterans in full time institutional on-farm training courses under the G. I. Bill will receive full subsistence allowances of \$65 a month for a single veteran and \$90 for a veteran with dependents.

In no case shall compensation for productive labor, plus subsistence, exceed \$175 for a single veteran or \$200 a month for a veteran with dependents.

The institutional on-farm training course will be considered full time training when it consists of at least 200 hours of classroom instruction at an accredited educational or training institution, combined with supervised work experience on a farm or other agricultural establishment.

Question: How much time do I have to complete my education under the G. I. Bill?

Answer: Your education must be completed nine years after July 25, 1947.

Question: What is the maximum length of training a disabled veteran can get under Public Law 16?

Answer: The maximum is four years. However, Veterans Administration may extend the time if factors in any case warrant an additional period for rehabilitation.

Warmin' the Bench

By SGT. CLARENCE SMITH

Rocky's Still Traveling the Rocky Road

(AFPS)—A dishonorable discharge from military service, our basic training officer impressed upon us several years ago, is more of a burden to carry back into civilian life than the stigma of a prison sentence. Too bad, Rocky Graziano failed to believe that!

As the middleweight champion of the world, Rocky conceivably may be forced out of the ring without ever defending his title. Current plans call for a third meeting with ex-champion Tony Zale in Miami, Fla., on Feb. 12. But don't bet any heavy dough the bout will come off, even in the sweet name of charity, which is the guise in which promoters are offering it to give it a semblance of good repute.

Mounting public indignation is closing in on Rocky more threateningly than any opponent he ever faced in the squared circle. People who glossed over his youthful escapades and involvements with the law are not as forgiving now. When the long-guarded secret leaked out, that he had gone AWOL for several months during the war, and that he had been dishonorably discharged after serving ten months of a one-year sentence at Fort Leavenworth, Graziano suddenly found himself persona non grata with his public.

Graziano's Trouble Started Early

That Graziano was not exactly a lilly-white character was scarcely top secret information long before he entered the army. Like a lot of other dead-end kids from New York's lower East side, Rocky traveled the rocky road. His run-ins with cops started at the age of 12, when he was charged with delinquency. During the next few years he registered a court docket almost as impressive as his ring knockouts in establishing him as a rough, tough character.

Friends who love Rocky for his virtues—his touch of kindness under a granite veneer, his generosity, his loyalty to his cronies, and his ready disposition to extend a bit of charity now and then—point out that old saw: "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it doesn't behoove any of us to criticize the rest of us."

Such a kindly philosophy, however, is difficult to exercise in view of Rocky's war record. His disappearance from the army at a time when the memory of Pearl Harbor still was fresh in the minds and hearts of the American people stamped him with a stigma he cannot easily dissipate.

Whether Graziano is the greatest middleweight in the world still is a moot question, even though he holds the title. His technical kayo of Zale was subject to a lot of argument later. That Rocky packs a terrific punch, no one will deny; that he is far from a skillful boxer, few will attempt to dispute.

Many Would Like to Meet Rocky

Plenty of rugged young men would like a chance to blast Rocky's ears off, with the middleweight title at stake. But they will have to wait until after Zale, an old man at 33 according to most ring standards, tries to prove that Graziano's TKO was a fluke—the penalty of indiscretion when he walked into Rocky's sleeper punch while Rocky was a badly-beaten fighter apparently ready to go down.

But with Rocky blacklisted in New York State, where he is under indefinite suspension growing out of his failure to report an alleged bribe of \$100,000 to throw a fight, and with states affiliated with the NBA giving him the go-by because of the disclosure of his dishonorable discharge, the question arises: Will Rocky ever be permitted to fight again? And if so, when and where?

That poses another interesting question involving his personal liberties—what is the right of a man to make a living in his legal profession. Rocky carries his means of livelihood in his dynamite-laden fists. Outside of the ring, his court record as a youth tells the story of his potentialities. It shows he was charged, among other things, with burglary and with an armed stickup. It shows he was sent to the reformatory.

What Can Rocky Look Forward To Now?

There also is a question of double jeopardy involved. In America a man cannot be tried twice for a crime in which his life is at stake. It may be stretching a point to say that Rocky's life was, or is, at stake. He always can go out and dig ditches or shovel coal. But his privilege of making a lush living in the ring very definitely is at stake. Prize fighting is a notoriously dirty business. Currently it is rife with suspicions of shady dealings; admittedly it carries a vast retinue of unsavory characters. It also is perpetuated, despite such hindering influences, by thousands of honorable young men who exemplify the finest traditions of sportsmanship and moral integrity.

The list of men who have given ill repute to boxing and yet have been permitted to stay in the "profession" as long as they were able to give as good as they received would require much more space than is available here. Similar lists might be compiled for other professions.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

One of the greatest arguments raised by civilians concerning the Universal Military Program is that their son's education will be interrupted. What they fail to realize is that the United States Armed Forces Institute is the largest university in the world. In its 5-year history, USAFI has aided nearly 2,000,000 service personnel. At the beginning of this year 300,000 were still engaged in study.

Through the Army Educational Offices all over the world, military may arrange to study academic, vocational, and technical subjects. Those who did not complete grammar school may take the necessary and required subjects for a certificate of eighth grade completion. The same holds true for high school work. The more fortunate may even continue their college work through classes, self-teaching, or correspondence courses. The education ceiling is unlimited as far as the Army is concerned.

Here at Letterman it is pleasing to note that the Medical Department ranks first in participation in the Army Educational Program. An excellent feature of the Educational Reconditioning Branch in this hospital is the agreement with the San Francisco Unified School System, which allows patients and duty personnel to attend high schools in the city during off duty hours. Four new evening classes have been organized. They are International Relations, Citizenship, Short Story Writing and Beginning Shorthand. Those are all free to you who desire to take advantage of them. They are in addition to the numerous others already being taught.

For any information regarding your future, both civilian and Army, contact the Educational Reconditioning Office, Bldg. 1039, Ext. 4403.

As a side note it is interesting to learn that USAFI was the first attempt to unify the Armed Forces. Originally there was just the Army Institute, which was founded in December of 1941. Later, in April 1942, the Navy joined forces to establish, with a unified command, an institution which would provide educational opportunities for all who were then in uniform.



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Gen. Armstrong Talks on Army Medical Career

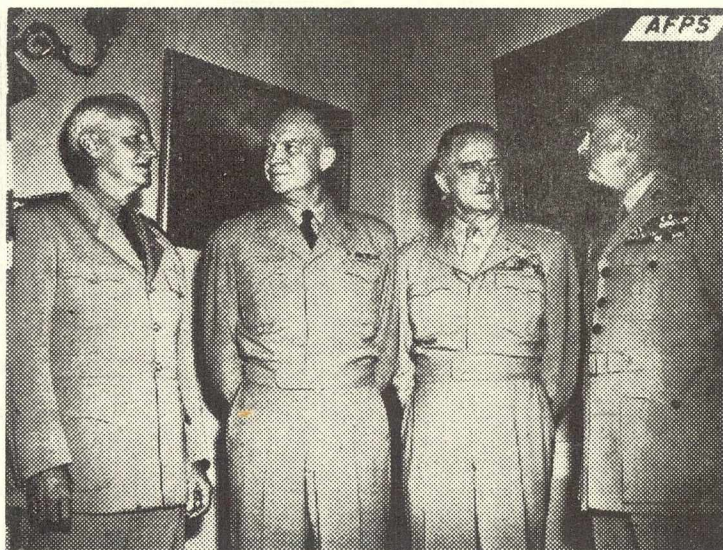
The civilian medical profession in times of emergency has always given the Army Medical Department loyal support and fullest co-operation, Brigadier General George E. Armstrong, Deputy Surgeon General, said in a recent talk before the North Carolina State Medical Association.

"The heads of the civilian medical institutions," General Armstrong said, "which in the past have sponsored affiliated units of the Medical Department have been contacted and invited to participate in the Medical Department program. The response from these institutions has been enthusiastic and indicates the loyal and wholehearted support of the civilian medical profession to meet the needs of the military in time of national emergency."

In pointing out the advantages of a career for doctors in the Regular Army, General Armstrong said, "a new system of promotion of officers based on merit has been established. Also, there has been legislated a bill to correct somewhat the disparity in pay which exists between practitioners in the Army and those in civil life. This provision of law provides for compensation of the Army medical officer for the cost of his professional education and loss of earning power while undergoing professional education, through the payment of \$100 a month additional compensation for each year that he serves in the military service, up to thirty years. These measures are designed to procure officers for the Army Medical Department by making a career in the military service more attractive."

He spoke also of the graduate

Unification Military & Naval Leaders



Top-ranking military and naval leaders functioning under Secretary of Defense James W. Forrestal in unification of the armed forces are shown here in their first joint photograph since Forrestal was sworn in. Left to right: Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff; Gen. Carl Spaatz, Commanding General of the Air Force; and Gen. Alexander A. Vandergrift, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

professional program which is in operation in nine Army general hospitals located throughout the United States and with bed capacities ranging from 410 at Army and Navy General Hospital to 3,661 at Percy Jones General Hospital. With one or two exceptions these hospitals are located in the vicinity of large medical teaching centers. For the most part they are housed in large modern buildings which are designed as, or adapted to the needs of large hospital operations. Each of these hospitals is fully equipped with modern laboratory, surgical, radiological, library and other types of medical equipment. Modern teaching aids are also provided. All of these hospitals operate under the direct control of

The Surgeon General; hence they are frequently inspected and deficiencies thus disclosed are speedily overcome.

"In the field of research," the General said, "the Army Medical Department is actively investigating those problems which caused significant manpower losses during the past war, as well as new problems that are expected to be important in the future. In general, these problems are not ones that are encountered to a major degree in civil life. They are:

1. Physical and mental standards for the most efficient use of manpower.

2. The prevention of radiation injury and the care of casualties due

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Extend ANC and WMSC Application Date to 30 Nov.

The deadline date for applications in the Army Nurse Corps and the Women's Medical Specialist Corps has been extended to 30 November 1947. The WMSC includes Physical Therapists, Dietitians and Occupational Therapists.

Recess appointments in the Regular Army were tendered recently by the President of the United States to 153 officers and former officers of the Army Nurse Corps, 31 Hospital Dietitians and 19 Physical Therapists. All had served as temporary officers and reserve officers during World War II.

In addition appointments were also tendered to three Occupational Therapists who have been serving as civilian employees in the Army Medical Department. This marks the first time that the Department of the Army has given commissioned officer status to Occupational Therapists.

These appointments, made as the result of an act of Congress establishing the Army Nurse Corps and the Women's Medical Specialist Corps as a part of the Regular Army, represent the first increment in this integration program. The Women's Medical Specialist Corps is composed of the Hospital Dietitian Section, the Physical Therapy Section and the Occupational Therapy Section.

The list of 31 Dietitians tendered appointments in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps includes the name of Major Helen C. Burns of Lowell, Mass., who has had continuous service in the Army Medical Department since 1928. During World War II Major Burns was director of Dietitians in the Army Medical Department and was awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding performance of duty in this capacity.

Patients Learn Their Aptitudes Through VA Tests Here

Letterman patients who want answers to their questions about future education and training can get those answers right here in the hospital, in the office of the Veterans Administration Guidance Unit. This office has been set up by the VA as a vocational advisement unit for the disabled veteran.

There the patient can learn about federal benefits both under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16) and under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, commonly called the G. I. Bill (Public Law 346).

The main purpose of vocational advisement is to determine whether a disabled veteran should train for a profession, or for a particular trade or occupation based on his previous education, experience, personal desires and present ability.

The veteran with a compensable award from the VA is entitled to benefits under either Public Law 16 or Public Law 346. Maximum educational benefits under either law may total as much as 48 months, depending upon the length of time in service.

Types of education and training include the following: High school or preparatory school; college or university; commercial or technical school, apprentice or on-the-job training; institutional - on - farm training; cooperative training.

The disabled veteran is required to take a series of aptitude tests at the VA guidance center, where he is interviewed and counseled by highly trained specialists. His own desires will be permitted to govern in most cases, but the counselors are required to advise him against starting a course for which his aptitudes or physical limitations do not insure a reasonable likelihood of success. This advisement is required under the program in order to insure the disabled veteran's proper rehabilitation.

The required tests include both written and performance tests, and they take from three to ten hours to complete. It is not necessary for the patient to wait until the time of discharge to take the tests. If he knows that he is to be discharged at the end of his hospitalization period, he may arrange with the VA Guidance Unit office to take the tests at any time while he is still a patient.

If he takes the tests sufficiently early in his hospitalization period,



LEARNS ABOUT EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Leo C. Coulson, Chief of the VA Guidance Unit at Letterman, tells Sergeant Robert Kane, LGH patient recently returned from Chico, about the educational benefits available to him.

arrangements can be made for him to begin his studies locally while still a patient. This has been done in the case of a number of patients now at LGH.

After an interview with personnel of the VA Guidance Unit, the tests are arranged for, and after their completion, the patient and the counselor determine the objective to be attained. Every possible assistance is given the patient to help him in mapping out his course of study or training. A program is set up for each patient to carry him through to his objective.

Allowances for wartime disabilities vary from \$13.80 a month for 10 per cent disability to \$138.00 a month for 100 per cent disability. These are for injuries received between 16 September 1940 to 25 July 1947. Disability allowances for injuries incurred after the latter date range from \$10.35 a month for 10 per cent disability to \$103.50 for 100 per cent disability.

The disabled veteran who takes

advantage of benefits under Public Law 16 receives educational allowances during his vocational rehabilitation and for two months after his employability has been established. If, for instance, he has a disability rating of 30 per cent or higher, he receives at least \$115 a month if he has no dependents, or \$135 if he has a dependent, plus \$20 for one child, \$15 for each additional child and \$15 for a dependent parent.

He may receive more than these guaranteed minimum sums if his disability compensation, or retirement pay, plus the standard allowances of \$65 or \$90 a month, is higher than the amount guaranteed under the act.

Other advantages include certain traveling expenses, other than daily commutation; availability of a \$100 government loan; extension of training entitlement under certain conditions, and personal guidance and attention by VA training officers.

The VA also helps the disabled veteran to obtain a job after he finishes his training by informing him of job opportunities in his field.

If patients are from a part of the United States not under the regional jurisdiction of the local VA, they may still consult with counselors at the VA Guidance Unit office here, have their application papers made out, and most of the work necessary to get them started on their objective accomplished. If this is done here, it will take only a few minutes of their time to complete arrangements for their educational program at the VA office near their homes when they return there after receiving their discharge.

Chief of the VA Guidance Unit at Letterman is Leo C. V. Coulson. The other personnel assigned to the office are: Robert Asmussen, John Adams, Capt. Ruby M. Ammon, 1st Sgt. George Swain, S/Sgt. John Port, Corporal Donald Barney, Corporal Bobby Bell, Pfc. Harry Doyle, and Miss Jean McHugh.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



APTITUDE TESTS

Patients Carey Dunn of Yukon, Okla.; Harry Blakeslee of San Francisco, and Arnold Saugestad of Minneapolis, Minn. take the written aptitude tests given at the VA Guidance Unit here at Letterman.



PURDUE PEGBOARD

Claude Weaver of Brewton, Alabama, patient on ward 41, concentrates on the pegboard, a test to determine manipulative dexterity.



FINGER DEXTERITY

Jefferson Gallope of St. Joseph, Mo., patient on ward 1, takes the O'Connor finger dexterity test, designed to ascertain whether the subject has an aptitude for precision work.



MUST BE THE RIGHT ANSWERS

Miss Jean McHugh of the VA Guidance Unit smiles for the camera as she corrects tests.

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EDITORIAL

Army Relief Fund

During the coming week a drive will be conducted at Letterman for the joint Army Emergency Relief—Army Relief Society Annual Fund. Officers and enlisted personnel of the Medical Department, as well as hospital patients, are asked to contribute.

General Mark Clark, commanding general of the Sixth Army, and Major General Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General, have both requested that military personnel be given an opportunity to donate to this worthy cause.

Army Emergency Relief was organized in 1942 to render emergency financial assistance to members of the Army of the United States (and their dependents) while on extended active duty and when faced with emergencies. The organization also assists needy widows and orphans whose husbands or fathers were killed in action or who died while on active duty since September 1940.

The Army Relief Society, which is closely affiliated with Army Emergency Relief, was organized in 1900 to assist needy widows and orphans of Regular Army personnel. Disbursements from the funds of both organizations are made locally. Every individual who makes a single contribution to the joint campaign automatically becomes a member of both organizations.

It is urged that each indi-

WAC

A lot of football was seen this past week-end by members of the WAC detachment. T/4 Frances Black, T/4 Carolyn Powers and T/5 Bess Jeffreys were among those at the USC-Calif. and Cleveland Browns-S.F. Forty-niner's games.

A former WAC, Kay Coffin, recently changed her name to Mrs. John Lang. Kay works on ward 26.

Josephine Jacobs and Ruby Guimont, former WACs in this detachment, are now living in San Francisco. They come over to visit the gals once in a while and talk over old times.

Last Saturday T/4 Frances Black was winner of the singing contest which was held at the "Y." Congratulations, "Blackie."

The WACs helped to celebrate Navy Day by boarding the "Iowa" last Sunday and Monday. T/5 Louise Haas, Sgt. Caroline Wirt, T/5 Janice Copus, and T/4 Carolyn Fix were among those who were lucky enough to board the ship.

Among those that are on the ailing list in the hospital are S/Sgt. Violet Collings on Ward N-1, T/4 Frances Black ward O-1 and T/3 Ethel Lee on ward G-2.

T/3 Agda Johnson will be sailing on the high seas soon heading for Germany where she will join her husband who is a driver for General Hays. We wish her Bon Voyage.

Cpl. Helen Brown is conducting a one-woman drive to collect clothing for the needy people of Finland. She intends to send any contributions she receives back to Finland on one of the Liberty ships now at anchor in Alameda, and will appreciate it if those who wish to donate discarded clothing will contact her either at the Orthopedic Shop or at barracks 212.

The team of four quiz-winning WACs who won the first round of the "Battle of Letterman" quiz program on Letterman's radio station KLGH, and have been winning ever since, won this week for the fourth time in a row. The score was 240-

vidual in the Army make a small contribution as an assurance that when emergency financial assistance is needed it will be available for his dependents, his comrades, or himself.



This is definitely wedding bells week for the Army Nurse Corps at LGH, with no less than three recent wedding reported.

First Lieut. Betty Tuhovac, ANC, became the bride of First Lieut. Thomas A. Cook on 18 October at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Lieut. Cook, who is in the cavalry, is stationed at Fort Meade, Md., and was on temporary duty at Fort Knox at the time of the wedding. The bride wore a powder blue suit with navy accessories for the wedding, and a corsage of gardenias.

First Lieut. Kathryn Taylor, ANC, and Bruce Poynter were married 21 October in Indianapolis.

First Lieut. Muriel Byford, ANC, recently returned from Korea, was married while on leave. Her husband is Elmer W. Hoffnauer, civilian on duty with the War Department in Korea. The wedding took place in Seattle, Wash., on 11 September. After the honeymoon the groom returned to Korea, where his wife hopes to join him in the near future.

Congratulations go this week to Lieut. Ruth Wall of Physical Therapy, who received her promotion to first lieutenant on 22 October.

Major Lena Vanderwood, ANC, departs today on a 30-day leave which she will spend at her home in Libby, Montana. She is going home for a special occasion—the Golden Wedding anniversary of her parents.

Major Lois Kinnison, ANC, and Captain Lois Alford, ANC, are leaving soon for Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where they will attend the 12-week course in hospital administration at Brooks Army Medical Center.

First Lieut. Maeceille Pless, ANC, played bingo at the Letterman Officers' Club this week for the first time, but not by any means for the last, she says. Reason: She won \$10, and there couldn't be a better reason for becoming a bingo addict.

105. Their opponents were a group from the detachment at Crissy Annex.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 2 November, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Rosary Devotions: 1 Oct. to 2 Nov.

Week days at 1900. Sundays after 0800 Mass.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

MORE ABOUT ARMY MEDICAL CAREER

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to fission products, such as those from atomic bomb.

3. Living and working under conditions of extreme cold.

4. The prevention of cold casualties.

5. The evacuation and medical and surgical care of sick and injured under conditions of extreme cold.

6. Preventive medicine and medical practice in disaster relief.

7. Traumatic surgery, including first aid, resuscitation, operative and postoperative care, and rehabilitation as it applies in war.

8. Preventive psychiatric and psychological problems required for prevention of psychiatric casualties in war.

9. Control of infections and parasitic diseases, as required with troops and displaced populations in war.

10. Nutritional problems of the severely injured and infected.

11. Nutrition problems in handling displaced persons who have undergone starvation, or where inadequate food is available to meet average requirements.

These and many other problems will be either not investigated at all by the civilian medical profession or they will be studied only partially. Therefore, the armed forces must anticipate these national requirements and undertake to provide answers prior to the need for this information during periods of national emergency."

ON THE SPOT



ANTONIO V. ARCE
Corporal

Corporal Arce first came to the United States from the Philippines in 1929. From the day he landed in Seattle until now, Arce has thought the United States a pretty wonderful place. His work here has taken him as far north at Ketchikan, Alaska, where he spent two years working in the fisheries. He then went south, to Los Angeles and Hollywood, where he worked in movies starring such screen notable as Joel McCrea, Paul Muni, Louise Rainer and Dolores Del Rio.

From the time he left the movies until he was inducted into the Army, Cpl. Arce worked as a bell hop, elevator operator and switch board operator in one of Hollywood's finer apartment hotels.

Cpl. Arce received his "greetings" from Uncle Sam in May 1942. Following two years of training he reported to Camp Stoneman for overseas shipment. Arriving in New Guinea April 1944 as Infantry Replacement, Cpl. Arce followed the war on north to the Philippines. Throughout the Philippine campaign he was assigned to the Philippine Civil Affairs Unit. His job was to aid in the suppression of looting and black-market operations.

During his tour of duty in Manila, Cpl. Arce saw a young girl playing with a live bomb fuse. He tried to tell her to throw it away, but she ignored him. Cpl. Arce grabbed the fuse from her and attempted to toss it away, but the fuse exploded before he could get it out of his hand.

Cpl. Arce was sent to Lae, New Guinea for treatment. Following his hospitalization he returned to the Philippines, where he stayed until the end of the war. During this time Cpl. Arce met his future wife, Carmen Cabrera, a native of Sampoloc,

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Manuel Barron finally shaved off his moustache. The patients on Ward 42 were determined that they would not rest until he did. But he put up a good fight.

Larry Joubert, patient on Ward K-2, is grateful to "Hawk-eye" Wallum, Ward 28, Wallum spotted Joubert's car after it had been missing for a week. The car, a "47 model," was stolen from the parking area across the street from the YMCA and discovered a week later near Crissy Field.

The amputee patients learning to drive the "dual equipped" car have caused Cpl. Robert Kelly, the instructor, to increase his life insurance to \$5,000.00. Kelly feels he can trust the patients, most of the time, but he isn't sure about the "Sunday Drives" that infest Golden Gate Park where the lessons are given.

Why aren't more patients turning out for the downtown bowling session every Tuesday afternoon? Should be a good way to spend a rainy afternoon.

Bob Allen, a former comedy and dance man in vaudeville, heard reminiscing with the Red Cross volunteer workers over coffee at the Recreation Hall.

John Neal, patient on Ward 41, is working in the library. He has proved to be a very conscientious and able librarian.

Adam Marcias, patient on Ward 29, is growing a beard. He plans to go on a trip into the hills when he gets his furlough. If you're looking for protection, Marcias, you'd better find a false beard. The real one is rather "skimpy."

Walter Hanneberg, Ward E-2, won a ukelele the other night for carving and trimming the most hideous jack-o-lantern.

A 500 Rummy game is in full swing every day on Ward B-2. Samuel Tate and John Steele make an almost unbeatable combination. So

suburb of Manila. They now have two children.

Cpl. Arce is a patient on ward 1, awaiting discharge. He hopes to be home by Christmas. To quote him, "As much as I like the States, and especially LGH, I want to go home to my family. If it is possible I will come back and bring my family with me."

they say.

Joe Hedgebeth has no front teeth. Being an apple lover, he was presented with a problem for a short while, but he has learned to "gum" them so well that he managed to get away with 3 or 4 a day in spite of his troubles.

All that gabbering you hear in the corner of Ward E-2 is from a group of patients learning to speak French. They play Bingo, thus enhancing their knowledge of numbers in the unfamiliar language.

Geronimo Cruz was turned away from the mess hall for arriving too late for breakfast. Without a word he wandered sleepy-eyed up to the grill, slumped into a chair and had his morning coffee.

The Letterman Stamp, Angler and Barbecue Clubs took part in an exposition at Miss Burke's School for Girls here in San Francisco. If you are wondering what the Barbecue Club exhibited; they gave out recipes.

Col. Gaulden Watkins made several bets with the P.T. nurses on last week's football games. A "hidden" correspondent of this paper reports that he lost all bets.

Dick Russ, versatile patient at Crissy Annex, is leaving Letterman General Hospital for Fort Benning, Georgia. While here Dick proved himself to be an excellent football player and he spent a good part of his spare time singing over the Bed-side Network, Station KLGH.

There will be bleachers erected in the Gymnasium soon to accommodate patients and duty personnel who want to take in the evening basketball matches to be held in the near future.

Walter Luebert, a new patient on Ward K-2, is glad he is home from Germany, but he isn't at all appreciative of coming home as a patient.

Any patient interestd in learning or improving their mathematics will be glad to note that a retired professor from Columbia University, Mr. Paul Haeseler, has volunteered his time. Mr. Haeseler will teach on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1300. He will take pupils just beginning or those interested in advanced mathematics.

John Hill is back on K-2 after a two-week tour of duty. To quote Hill, "I couldn't stand the pace."

WAC OF THE WEEK



MILDRED D. STECH
Technician Fourth Grade

T/4 Mildred Stech, who is now on her second tour of duty at Letterman, liked it here so well the first time that she went to great lengths—geographically speaking—to make sure she was again assigned here when she enlisted in the WAC for the second time.

Mildred's home is in Cleveland, Ohio, and when she found that if she enlisted there she might not get to LGH, she came all the way to San Francisco to enlist. She succeeded in her purpose, and came back here in August. She is now assigned to Out-Patient Service, where she does clerical work.

Before she joined the WAC Mildred was attending St. Luke's School of Nursing in Cleveland. She was much interested in the work, and still is, but the war was going on, she wanted to join the Army, and she didn't want to delay as long as she would have to if she completed her training. When the Women's Army Corps was recruiting medical technicians, she enlisted—in April 1945.

She had basic and technicians' training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and was then sent to LGH for on-the-job training and a course in oxygen therapy. She remained here until she received her discharge, working on wards L-1, K-2 and 42. After her discharge at Camp Beale in September 1946, she returned home to Cleveland, and worked for the Lindner Company there until she re-enlisted in August of this year.

Mildred enjoys swimming, tennis, football games, and photography. Sightseeing in San Francisco is also on her list of diversions. Her tentative plans for the future include completion of her training as a nurse, but she says she might stay in the WAC if the bill making it a part of the Regular Army is passed.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Marjorie Hecht of the Information Office was welcomed back after three weeks sick leave.

Isabel Cannon of Military Personnel is also on sick leave due to an accident. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Stella Zumwalt, Adjutant's Office, is the proud owner of a new Plymouth car and she is eagerly taking driving lessons.

May Beswick, Secretary to the Commanding Officer, recently returned from two weeks vacation.

The 201 File Room has moved to Military Personnel, Third Floor, but Helen Diez is still in the Record Room on the main floor. She traded offices with the Control office.

Mary Lerner of the Dental Clinic recently underwent a minor operation and is recuperating at home.

Janie Lee, EENT Clinic, is back at her desk after being home due to the flu.

Gwen Scopin of the Baggage Room decided to paint her bedroom recently. She became so engrossed in her work that she painted herself out of the bedroom and had to spend the night in the dining room sleeping on a couch and completely surrounded by paint buckets.

Among those who recently resigned are Pat Mockbee, Military Personnel, Genevieve Carson, Officers Pay Section and Verne Wynn, Civilian personnel. Verne Wynn is leaving for Missouri, her home state, where she and her husband will manage an auto court.

Margaret Hickey, civilian nurse on ward O-1, has absorbing stories to tell about her trip to Fairbanks, Alaska, last spring. And she enjoyed it so much that she says she'd like to be back there right now.

Ann Jacobs, occupational therapist, was welcomed to Letterman this week. She is a graduate of Mills College, and was formerly a volunteer worker at Children's Hospital. She has been assigned to the N-P Section.

Orrin: "Do you know, a friend of mine dislocated his jaw last week through yawning."

Lee: "What were you talking to him about?"

Clerk: "Sir, my wife told me to ask you for a raise."

Boss: "All right, I'll ask my wife if I may give you one."

SHE SAW EIGHT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHILE ON OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT



Captain RUBY M. AMMON, WAC
Chief, Classification and Counseling Section, LGH

Next month Captain Ruby Ammon will complete five years service in the WAC, and during those five years she has had a variety of interesting assignments, both in the United States and overseas. She was on overseas duty for over two years—from March 1945 until July 1947.

Captain Ammon was born in Plainview, Minnesota. Before entering the Army she did advertising work with the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press in St. Paul, Minnesota. After enlisting in the WAC in December 1942, she went to Daytona Beach, Florida for basic training and administrative school, then went to Des Moines for OCS, and received her commission in May 1943. She was then assigned to Daytona Beach as training center officer, and remained there until the center closed in February 1944.

After a month at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, she was assigned to Fort Ord, where she remained for almost a year as assistant medical supervisor at the Regional Hospital. In March of 1945 she left for overseas duty in the ETO, and was stationed in London, in charge of WAC re-deployment operation. After several months in England, she was sent to Paris, and following a brief tour of duty there, was as-

signed to Frankfurt, Germany, where the enlisted branch of the Adjutant General section was established.

Although she acquired sufficient German for everyday needs, Captain Ammon was fortunate enough to have a secretary who took shorthand in seven languages, so there was no necessity for her to become proficient in the language of the country. She was later stationed at Hockst, Germany, remaining there until July of this year, when she flew back to the States.

"Then I spent nearly two weeks in New York buying the kind of clothes I hadn't even seen since I left home," she says. She spent the rest of a month's leave at her home and visiting friends in St. Paul. She reported to Letterman in August, and is now Chief of Classification and Counseling Section, and also Control Officer of the War Department Screening Center.

While overseas Captain Ammon visited as many countries as time permitted, including Luxembourg, Bavaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Switzerland besides the ones in which she was stationed.

In her free time she enjoys dancing, horseback riding, bowling, deep sea fishing and photography.



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene F. Gaudette, a girl, **Paula Elaine**, born 21 October.

To 1/Sgt. and Mrs. LeRoy E. Mull, a boy, **Emerson Roy**, born 22 October.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Robert C. Baker, a boy, **Robert Terry**, born 22 October.

To 1/Sgt. and Mrs. John W. Bradshaw, Jr., a boy, **Larry Duane**, born 23 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Irving Eleazer Bartron II, a boy, **Irving Eleazer, III**, born 23 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Bernard George Sewell, a boy, **Terry Allyn**, born 23 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Amos Hosea Eslick, a boy, **Leonard Dale**, born 25 October.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Howard A. Van Auken, a girl, **Judith Ann**, born 26 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Philip Cook Waters, twins, a boy, **Richard Victor**, and a girl, **Margaret Ann**, born 26 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Jonathan S. Hughes, a boy, **Ronald Lee**, born 27 October.

SGO Consultant Here

Dr. Clarence S. Livingood of Philadelphia, Pa., civilian consultant in dermatology for the office of the Surgeon General, was at Letterman for a few days this week to observe the dermatology program, and to make recommendations for the program with respect to residents in dermatology.

Dr. Livingood is associate professor of Dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and the Graduate Medical School.

Attends Symposium

Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, was an honor guest this week at the 18th Annual Post-Graduate Symposium on Heart Disease, sponsored by the San Francisco Tuberculosis Association. The symposium was held at the St. Francis Hotel.

MEDICAL DETACH

Some of the fellows were pretty sore at the professional football dopesters. After waiting to catch the Friday tabloids, which carry "authentic" predictions, their Scoreboards were turned in, and once again upsets and the unexpected resulted. Well, keep with it boys—we have to win some time.

On the LGH scene:

Paul Alegre running to the car stop. He is going on furlough.

George Adams posting Convalescent Services posters on all the bulletin boards.

James Scott extending his enlistment for another eighteen months. That seems to be a pat on the back for Letterman.

Bill LaMere beaming smugly at the results of the Forty-niner-Brown game. Being a Ohioan, he was quite proud of the Cleveland eleven.

Carus Hicks running a unique sports pool in his office. Why is it unique? He does the winning.

Joe Poland enjoying a pass in Southern California. He is a member of the staff in the Orderly Room.

Have you noticed our dog "AWOL" chasing the Shepherd and the German Boxer? Maybe "AWOL" started out to be a dachshund . . . then again, he may be from bull terrier stock. His father must have been a travelling man, but he is a fighter and a great favorite of the boys.

Where they are planning to attend school:

Bob Kluth . . . Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

Arvil Shirley . . . Draughton Business College, Memphis, Tennessee.

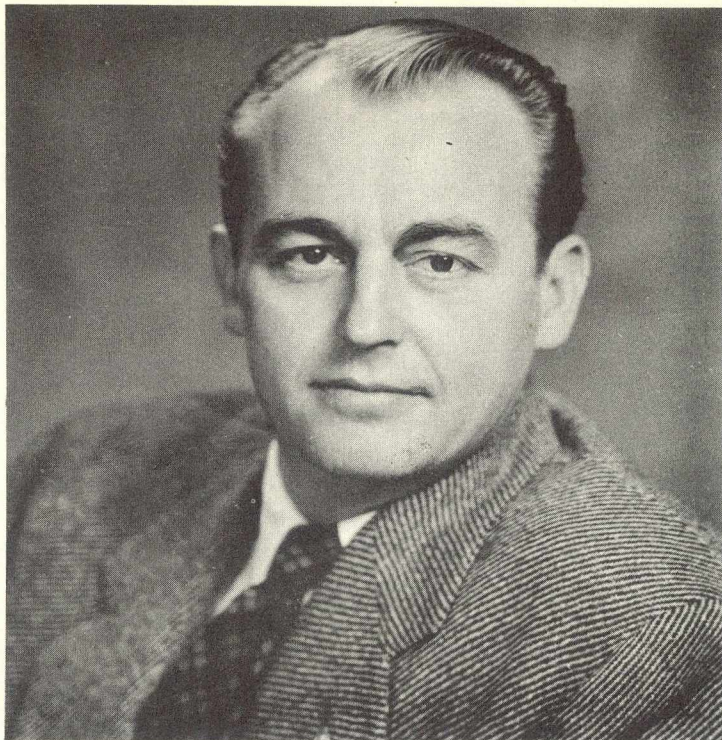
Earl Brewer . . . University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Neil Mould . . . Alleghany College, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

It is very interesting to wander into the Clinical Laboratory. That beehive department does the blood analyses and urinalyses for the hospital. Raymond Sculley, Elmer Apgood, Jerry Bybee, Stanley Ackerman, and Harvey Kasofsky are some of the fellows who work there.

Norbert Delatto and Gerald Mork busy themselves in the X-Ray Film Library. If you are in the mood and want to look at some good Hallows'en pictures, talk to these boys.

HIS PHOTOGRAPHS MAKE YOU LOOK EVEN BETTER THAN YOUR BEST



MARSHALL DOUGLAS
Likes to wear the Douglas plaid

Marshall Douglas, who joined the staff of the Letterman photo lab last July, has an extensive background of both civilian and Army photographic experience. He studied art before he became interested in photography, thus acquiring additional qualifications for his present field of work.

People who cherish a desire to look better than their best when they have a picture taken are glad to be subjects for the Douglas camera, since that's the happy result he achieves. He is a native San Franciscan, and has had his own photographic studio in downtown San Francisco since before he came into the Army.

In 1943 he joined the Air Force, and became a member of a photo reconnaissance squadron. He was known as a photogrammetrist (they make maps from aerial photographs). After basic training in Atlantic City, which to his regret ended just as the open season on bathing beauties began (they make such good picture material) he was sent to Peterson Field at Colorado Springs. There he joined a squadron about to leave for overseas.

He arrived in England in January 1944, and was stationed near

Oxford until the invasion in June. While there he visited London, and went to Stratford-on-Avon, where he saw several of Shakespeare's plays in the Memorial Theatre. He also went to Scotland and visited his father's birthplace. Being in uniform he was unable to don the Douglas plaid for the occasion, but now as a civilian he can and does indulge in the wearing of ties of authentic Scotch plaids.

In France, Marshall was stationed in Normandy and at Versailles. His first view of Paris was from the air, but he later had a chance for a down-to-earth view also. He spent six months in Belgium in combat intelligence work, was then in Germany until V-E Day, and later returned to England. He came back to the States in January 1946.

Marshall still has his San Francisco studio, and in his free time does photography for a number of local artists. He and his wife Lori have a growing collection of paintings, and one of their favorites is an oil by Jules Vone' of San Francisco.

Marshall's interests outside his work include the theatre, opera, symphony, and in the sports field, swimming and boxing.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Hospital Train's NCO club continues to take shape as various members use off-duty hours to install a bar and sink and do a bit of painting. The club is expected to open around the first of the month, with M/Sgt. George Washburn as Secretary-Treasurer, replacing T/5 Harold Carey, whose resignation was recently accepted by the board of governors.

T/5 William Jordan has returned to duty following his twenty day delat en route.

The Officer's club at Arena B began to take on an improved appearance as a new coat of paint went on the walls.

A number of the lads in the HTS were pretty well pleased with the recent Department of the Army ruling which will allow men who enlisted prior to 7 October 1947 to be discharged at about the time they would have formerly departed on terminal leave.

There was a good bit of sewing going on around the barracks in the HTS when the latest list of promotions was published. New corporals are: Claude Corea, Raymond England, Donald Flood, George Lingle, and Dino Pocaro. Tec 5's made were Russell Balconi, Sherman Blake, Melvin Brighton, Hally Burford, Utah Crowson, Robert Demster, Gerald Gilbert, James Johnson, Hugh Jones, Harry Kelly, John Knapp, William Lacy, Bob Martin, Andrew Mentz, Howard Padgett, Ellis Redding, James Snowdall and Lawrence Tibodeau.

Crissy Theatre has been transformed into a classroom for the past couple of weeks, with Captain Pederson as the instructor; the men are relearning the basic subjects of the Medical Department, and especially those subjects which relate to the care of patients on hospital trains. The material is being given in an attractive method, by the use of as many training aids as are available. Training films are used to supplement the lectures.

Major John Ford has taken over the duties of Transportation Officer replacing Major Walter Jones who has received his orders to report to Camp Stoneman on December 1 enroute to Manila.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

The 10 questions that World War II veterans ask most frequently about job-training benefits under the G. I. Bill are answered here by Veterans Administration.

Veterans asked the questions in a study that VA conducted recently to learn how much they know about their Federal benefits. The questions and answers follow.

Q. How much subsistence is paid for on-the-job training and what is the effect of the wage ceiling?

A. Veterans in job-training under the G. I. Bill receive \$65 a month if they have no dependents, or \$90 a month if they have one or more dependents. If they are earning \$175 (without dependents, or \$200 (with dependents) exclusive of their subsistence allowances, they are not entitled to VA subsistence payments under the law.

Q. What is the difference between on-the-job training and apprentice training?

A. The field of on-the-job training is almost limitless. It includes any job, except those of recognized trade status, that has been approved by a State approving agency. The period of job-training must not be less than three months or more than two years. Apprentice training is similar to other job-training, but it only covers certain skilled trades of an apprenticeable nature. Apprentice training may run to a maximum of four years.

Q. Does VA find a job-training place for the veteran?

A. VA does not find an employer for any veteran who desires to enter job-training under the G. I. Bill. However, veterans may get the assistance of state, municipal or other employment agencies in locating a job-training establishment.

Q. How are places of job-training approved and how does a veteran find out what establishments are approved.

A. Training establishments are approved by State approving agencies for job-training under the G. I. Bill. All VA offices maintain a list of approved establishments in the area in which they are located.

Q. What tools and equipment does VA furnish on-the-job trainees.

A. VA may pay for those tools and equipment that are needed by other trainees for the satisfactory pursuit of their training course and are not customarily furnished by the establishment.

Q. Will VA pay tuition for a vet-

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

By Armed Forces Press Service

The time within which personnel on active duty on September 1, 1946, may make application for settlement of unused furlough and leave credits in excess of 60 days has been extended to September 1, 1948. Settlement may be made entirely in cash at the applicant's option.

The Legion of Merit (officer) award lapel button is soon to be changed to conform with regulation design. The present button is the only one that is not a reproduction of the corresponding service ribbon.

In view of the critical shortage of electronic technicians' mates and aviation electronic technicians' mates, the Navy's Bureau of Personnel is "urgently" requesting applications from Regular Navy enlisted men for two electronic training schools. Candidates must have at least two and one-half years of obligated service from date of entry into school and must have a score of 55 in the following tests: GCT, arithmetical reasoning, and mechanical knowledge (E).

Under consideration by the National Defence establishment is a proposal to give Air Force assignments to a portion of each class graduating from the Naval Academy. The Air Force now draws annually from the graduating class of the Military Academy at West Point and is contemplating the establishment of its own Air Academy, but in the interim is confronted with the necessity of

producing an adequate number of officers.

Army personnel undergoing transfer from Italy to the European Command will be joined as promptly as possible by families now in the United States and for whom transportation has been requested. In the case of personnel whose dependents are with them in Italy, transfers will be concurrent.

In the past, due to the uncertainty over the duration of the stay of U.S. forces in Italy, many officers and enlisted men of the first three grades have been without their families for extended periods. The withdrawal of American troops from Italy and the transfer of many to Germany and Austria now makes it possible to expedite the reunion of these men with their families.

CAPITAL CAPSULE: The Supreme Court has refused to intervene in the life sentence conviction of German Field Marshal Erhard Milch who was convicted by a military court at Nurnberg for "Murder, deportation of the civilian population, slave labor, cruel and inhuman treatment of foreign workers." Milch's request, that his sentence be "quashed" and that he be set free by a writ of habeas corpus, was denied hearing by the nine Justices of the highest U.S. tribunal by a vote of 4 to 4. The ninth man abstained from taking part in the case. His name . . . Justice Robert H. Jackson, who served for a year as American prosecutor at the Nuernberg war crimes trials.

eran attending high school while he is in job-training?

A. Yes, provided his course of study is related to the vocation for which he is training, or if the high school course is prescribed and recommended as a part of his job-training.

Q. What happens if the employer dismisses the veteran from his job-training situation?

A. The veteran's training status is terminated and his subsistence allowance ceases. It is then up to the veteran to seek another place of employment with approved job-training programs.

Q. What should the veteran do if he is not satisfied with the job-training he receives?

A. That is a matter for the veteran to decide for himself, but it might be advisable for him to seek

the counseling of a VA training officer. He can always discontinue his training, or, with VA's permission, he can switch to another training establishment.

Q. What does VA do to make sure the veteran is receiving good training?

A. Under the law, periodic inspections and checks of training establishments are required in accordance with nation-wide training and approval standards.

Q. If the veteran finishes a job-training course and has entitlement time left, may he enroll in another job-training course or may he go to school for the remainder of his entitlement?

A. The veteran may use any remaining entitlement either for job-training or for educational training with VA's prior approval.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Early in the days of World War II, the American Council on Education began working with the United States Armed Forces Institute. Together they gathered information from every state in the Union, pertaining to the evaluation of service experiences. In 1946 the joint commission published their findings for the education offices throughout the world.

Now, within a very few moments the catalogues explain the various requirements and policies of any state. Let us take as an example the California program:

I. Recommendations concerning acceptance of service experiences for credit toward a high school diploma.

A. Educational courses:

1. USAFI courses and subject examinations: Credit as recommended in American Council on Education Guide.

2. High school courses offered through USAFI by colleges and Universities: Credit as recommended by individual college or university.

B. Service training:

1. Basic or recruit training: Maximum of three credits.

2. Service school training: Credit as recommended in American Council on Education Guide.

II. Recommendations concerning tests of general educational development.

A. High school diploma or certificate of equivalency.

1. State Department of Education does not issue a state equivalency certificate.

2. High schools are authorized to issue diplomas or certificates on the basis of General Educational Development Tests, provided applicant has completed the legal requirements of a course in United States History and Civics.

B. Basis for granting diploma or certificate:

1. State Department recommends that applicants make an average score of 45 and not less than 35 on any of the five parts.

2. State Department recommends that high schools issue diplomas on the basis of General Educational Development examinations only to members of the Armed Forces who are legal residents of the State of California.



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Congresswoman Edith N. Rogers Visits Letterman Patients

Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts paid a visit to Letterman General Hospital last week on an official investigation for the House of Representatives Veteran's Activities Committee which she heads. She is also a member of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetic Appliances. Mrs. Rogers has been on the Pacific Coast inspecting California's large veteran and military hospitals.

Earlier in the week she toured the Palo Alto and Oakland institutions. Plans include stops at Birmingham General Hospital in the San Fernando Valley, Wadsworth General Hospital in Los Angeles, and the Naval Hospital in San Diego. Following her California work, Mrs. Rogers will fly to Washington D. C. for the special session of Congress opening November 17.

As a member of the Women's Overseas League and the American Legion Auxiliary, she served in France and other European countries throughout 1917. Always a leader and an advocate of veteran's benefits, she was appalled with the artificial limbs being fitted for the amputee patients during this time. She returned to the States fully convinced that someone must work for these disabled.

From 1918 until 1922, she worked at Walter Reed General Hospital with the Red Cross. It was at this time that President Coolidge appointed her his personal representative in care of disabled veterans. She has held that position ever since. In 1925, at a special election, she was sent to Congress to fill the vacancy that occurred when her husband died. Now in her 23rd legislative year, she is again working for increased opportunities and to help the veteran overcome his handicaps.



CONGRESSWOMAN EDITH NOURSE ROGERS
Head of the House Committee on Veterans' Activities, talks with Pvt. Lloyd C. Eastlick of Billings, Montana, patient on ward 42. During her visit to Letterman last week, Congresswoman Rogers discussed veteran benefits with many LGH patients.

While in this hospital, Mrs. Rogers saw many of the patients on Ward 42. Donald Hill, Lloyd Eastlick, Lonnie Griffith, and John Mayo were among those who talked with her. They discussed the artificial limbs, vocational opportunities, and legislation. The discrepancy in prices of automobiles here on the West Coast as compared to the Eastern costs was related to the Lady from Massachusetts.

The patients were told of several bills soon to be before the legislators. The Senate has approved a

boost to \$1900 instead of the original \$1600 allotted for individual automobiles. However, in the House, the larger amount has not been approved. Another new feature advanced by Mrs. Rogers would allow men entitled to cars to pay additional amounts themselves. And too, they would not have to drive their own vehicles. They may buy them for their use directly or indirectly. The topic of the pre-determined rating schedules of pensions for varying degrees of amputation was explained.

Deputy Surgeon General Here on Training Program

Brigadier General George E. Armstrong, the Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, was a one day visitor at Letterman this week in connection with the residency training program for medical officers.

General Armstrong met with the Education Committee for a full discussion of the program and its progress and he outlined the policy of the Surgeon General for the continuation of the training courses.

Sitting in with General Armstrong were the civilian consultants of the three medical services. Dr. Carl Mathewson, Professor of Surgery, Stanford University Medical School, Dr. William J. Kerr, Professor of Medicine, University of California Medical School, and Dr. Alexander Simon representing Dr. Karl M. Bowman, Director of the Langley Porter Clinic, University of California.

General Armstrong on this trip had attended the convention of the deans of the American Medical Schools at Sun Valley where he addressed the assembly on the Army medical training program, and later went to Fort Lewis for an inspection of Madigan General Hospital. While in San Francisco he conferred with Colonel Alvin L. Gorby, Chief Surgeon for the Sixth Army, on general health affairs and paid an official call on the commanding general, General Mark W. Clark.

General Armstrong left San Francisco on Monday evening to return to Washington for a meeting with the Consultants Association early this week.

To all of the men she firmly stated in parting, "Write your Representative. Take an interest in your affairs. If you agree—say so. If you disagree—say so. But above all write to your Representative."

LGH Has Three-Way Program of Information and Education

Letterman's program of Troop Information and Education is three-fold, with separate schedules worked out for both patients and duty personnel. There is a program for officers, another for patients, and a third for enlisted duty personnel.

WOJG Russell C. Watson is Chief of the Troop Information and Education Branch, and is responsible for the arrangements for all programs. He schedules outside speakers, arranges for the monthly series of talks on citizenship and morale which are given under the direction of the Post Chaplain's office, and himself gives the majority of I & E talks to enlisted duty personnel, and leads the discussion periods. He is assisted by First Sergeant Kenneth C. Robbins and Sergeant George Adams.

The Information and Education program for enlisted personnel of the detachment and enlisted WAC personnel is a one-hour period each week, at which attendance is compulsory. In order to permit attendance by all personnel, the sessions are held twice daily, at 1315 and 1415, in building 1068.

The purpose of these sessions is to inform the soldier on matters of significance to him in connection with his military duties, to afford a source of general information which will enable him to understand and evaluate his responsibilities as a soldier and a citizen, and to provide an opportunity for free discussion with his fellows on these topics.

In a typical one-hour program the first ten minutes is used for a discussion designed to improve morale. All present are at liberty to air their views or voice their complaints on matters affecting the welfare of the group.

The leader then begins on the subject designated for information and discussion. This week the "Army of Occupation in Japan," based on the Army Talk on that subject, was chosen. Members of the group entered freely into the discussion, evidencing their knowledge of and interest in the subject.

Following the talk an Army film "Home Life and Social Customs of the Japanese" was shown, after which the one-hour period concluded.

On occasion the period is given over to discussion of industrial topics, with films supplied by leading manufacturers.

The I & E program for patients



INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM
WOJG Russell C. Watson introduces the topic of the day to the group at the I & E afternoon program. Sergeant George Adams (seated) assists with the program.

is a one-hour weekly period dealing with such subjects as education, legislation for veterans and national developments. Bed patients are shown educational films on the wards. Every effort is made to take care of individual problems of the patients.

A weekly forum is held under the auspices of the San Francisco Board of Education, which furnishes special speakers.

There is a one-hour weekly program for all officer personnel, held on Friday afternoons at 1530 in the Assembly room. There is usually a guest speaker, who is an expert in a field on which specific information has been requested by the officers themselves.

Since the group is composed of officers from many branches of the service, as is to be expected in a general hospital, speakers are from diversified fields. Programs in recent weeks have been on such varied subjects as the following: "Laws the Average Man Should Know," "Events in Indonesia," "Money, Politics and Investments," and "Previews of Progress."

How Many Times?

This week the four-time WAC winners of Joe Gilbert's "Battle of Letterman" quiz over KLGH were defeated by a team from the Educational Reconditioning office. The score: 130-70.

It was beginning to look as though the WAC team of Frances Black, Bessie Jeffries, Josephine Porter and Carolyn Fix would be perennial winners, but after all, you have to take a rest some time.

On the winning team were Charles (Monty) Catterlin, Jack Cratty, Neil Mould and "Tex" Brewer. Next week they will meet (but not to eat) with another group of the LGH elite. (Apologies for a slight case of plagiarism to another radio program—"Duffy's Tavern.") The burning question now is—how many times will the new victors win?

The Chief of Information and Education welcomes suggestions for topics for discussion from members of each of the three groups—officers, patients and enlisted duty personnel.

MacArthur Demands Higher Coal Output

Tokyo (AFPS)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has informed the Japanese Government that if it takes over control of the country's coal mines, as proposed in a bill now before the Diet, it will be expected to guarantee a production of 50,000,000 tons a year. This is 20,000,000 tons more than the production total planned for this year.

While far in excess of the 1930-34 production, the 50,000,000-ton figure was reached during the war and in the period preceding the war when Japan was diligently preparing for hostilities.

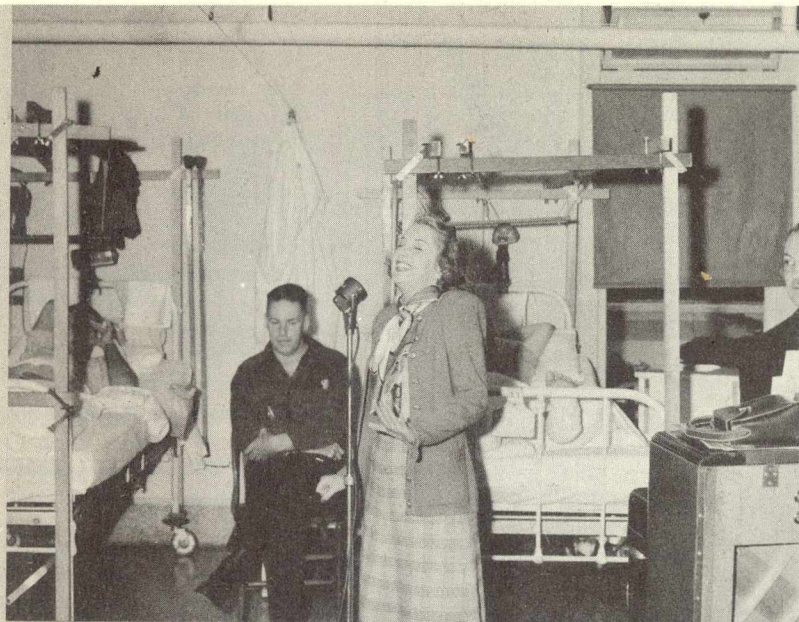
The Far Eastern Commission has set the period 1930-1934 as the yardstick for measuring Japan's post-war economy.

Beggar: "Will you let me have a dime, Mister?"

Soldier: "I haven't any change on me, but I'll give it to you when I come back this way."

Beggar: "Well, all right, but you'd be surprised at the money I lose giving credit this way."

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



MARTHA TILTON

Sings a gleeful number for the patients on ward E-2.



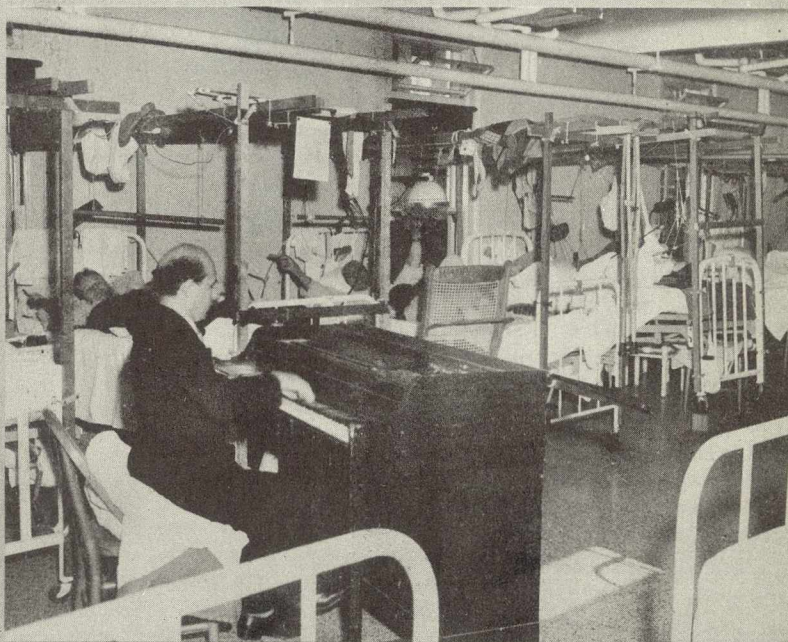
BOOKS ON THE MERRY-GO-ROUND

Robert Kale, patient on ward K-3, gives the merry-go-round a whirl and chooses a new book in the LGH library. Jule Townsend and Theresa Anema, O. T. students here, made the merry-go-round with the assistance of Sgt. James Snyder of O. T. Winifred Biehl of the library is responsible for the "New Books" sign.



SHIRLEY ROSS

Sang and played for the patients on ward E-2 last week.



ERIC LANDER

Czechoslovakian concert pianist, entertained patients on ward D-2 with a program of classical music.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

ARMY UNIFORM

The Army uniform is more than just clothes. It represents the Army, especially when worn among civilians. In addition to general regulations about how it should be worn, certain "musts" and "must nots" are strict Army tradition and custom. Included among them are the following:

"Wear the whole uniform or none of it."

"Wear a hat at all times outdoors" for the hat is part of the uniform.

"A soldier in uniform never carries an umbrella," for an umbrella is not part of the uniform. If it is raining he wears his raincoat or poncho, but umbrellas, he says, are for civilians.

"Either wear it buttoned—every button all the way—or don't wear it." This "must," with but few exceptions, is applicable to any part of the uniform that has buttons.

"The uniform is worn as a unit." That is, the winter uniform is worn complete; the summer, or fatigue uniform, complete. Part civilian and part Army garb is never worn.

The uniform is the mark of a soldier. It identifies him as a member of a profession with proud heritage and a rich tradition.—"The Forge."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Don Schwab, of Letterman's radio station KLGH, slipped and fell on the wet pavement Tuesday morning as he was on his way to work, and suffered a broken wrist. He is now a patient on ward D-1, and is being visited by his sympathetic friends. Too bad Don had to have an accident to get to be on the receiving end of the Bedside Network program.

Helen Hoffman of Special Services was even more ornamental than usual one day this week when she wore a Podesta & Baldocchi gardenia corsage, courtesy of John Leman-ski, who is putting in his furlough working for said P. & D.

Helene Kleyn of the Laboratory is enjoying a week's vacation, during which she intends to do some shopping. Getting a firm and early grip on her Christmas list, no doubt.

Helen Diez of the Record Room was pleasantly surprised this week to receive a gift from Lieut. Ruth Elliott, former Letterman nurse who is now in Hollywood. The gift was a chartreuse ceramic pin, an original by Martha Newman of Laguna Beach.

Gwen Skopin of the Baggage Room gave a party last week to announce the engagement of her daughter, Geraldine, and Geraldine's friends had a chance to see her handsome diamond engagement ring.

They are missing Jean Peetz in the lab these days. She is on a week's vacation, visiting her brother and his wife in Madera.

Stella Jackson has a Halloween birthday, and this year her friends in the lab surprised her with what she calls a "super-duper" cake, chocolate with orange frosting, and many lovely cards and gifts. She says she feels grateful and lucky.

Virginia Lee Smith of Officers' Personnel is leaving Letterman to go to Hawaii for several months. She hopes to come back to LGH on her return.

Rose Prather of the Laundry, who left Letterman this week after 20 years service here, has bought a home in the mountains and will make her year-round home there. Her friends here surprised her yesterday with a farewell party and a gift of a radio-phonograph.



First prize for the most original costume at the Letterman Officers' Club Halloween party went to First Lieut. Matilda M. Sabo, ANC, for her impersonation of a seductive gypsy. Her costume was so authentic she didn't even wear shoes.

First Lieut. Anna Silber, ANC, recently returned from leave, which she spent in Alaska. She flew there and back, and says she especially enjoyed the night flying. While in Alaska she visited Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks.

Captain Vida Buehler, Chief of Physical Therapy, had a birthday this week, and her desk was bright with lovely Talisman roses. One of her gifts was an original gadget—a ceramic dog specially designed to stand by during dishwashing operations and serve as a holder for rings, bracelets and wristwatch. The gift was accompanied by a clever verse explaining its purpose.

It may well be that Captain Rebecca Amend, ANC, would like another leave, since her recent one was spent in Pennsylvania taking care of her niece and nephew—ages eight months and three-and-a-half years. But she really enjoyed doing it, she says.

First Lieut. Lorraine A. Odbierzychieb, ANC, will become the bride of Jean R. Vivas today at Our Lady of Victory Church in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pomme will be attendants at the wedding. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Vivas will honeymoon at Russian River. This week Lieut. Odbierzychieb's friends here entertained in her honor at a bridal shower at the Nurse's Recreation Hall.

Community Chest

The Community Chest fund campaign at Letterman has been extended to 15 November, since we are still 25 per cent short of our quota of \$2500. Division chairmen will again canvass for contributions, and personnel who have not yet contributed or who may feel able to give an additional donation are urged to be generous.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 9 November, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Rosary Devotions: 1 Oct. to 2 Nov.

Week days at 1900. Sundays after 0800 Mass.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Farewell Party

An informal farewell party was given Monday afternoon in the Registrar's office in honor of Chaplain (Captain) Albert F. Click, who left this week on pre-embarkation leave before going to his new station in Hawaii.

Many of his friends here at Letterman were present to wish him well in his new assignment. A gift of luggage was presented to Mrs. Click by Lillian Taylor of the Registrar's office, who deserves the credit for arranging the farewell party.

Chaplain Click cut the huge cake, which was decorated with an appropriate "Aloha," and made a brief farewell speech in which he told of his regret at leaving Letterman.

Library

"Roger the Lodger" is the title of Elizabeth R. Robert's new book. It is a side-splitting story of her experience as a landlady. It was during the war and the housing shortage and the Roberts lived near an Army Base. Roger was the first lodger and he dominated their lives, wrecked their cars and saddled them with an outrageous assortment of guests. Came the fantastic Russian officers and their wives to dinner; came the construction gang—and bedbugs; came the newly-weds who put the house into an uproar with an intimate lovers' quarrel; came the stone deaf grandmother of ninety, and the baby sitters—in all as mad an assortment of guests as ever turned a blissful home into a bedlam. In the Library.

WAC OF THE WEEK



WANDA M. COLLINS
Technician Fifth Grade

You might say that this is the story of Wanda and the three W's—from welding to WAC to writing. T/5 Wanda Collins has done all three, and emphasis for the future will be on creative writing. She wants to begin with short stories, and later on write a novel.

Wanda was born in Burlington, Iowa, while her parents were there on a visit, and since she has been a Californian ever since, she feels the Iowa birth certificate is definitely a geographical error. She has lived in Oakland, Los Angeles, Balboa Beach, Nevada City, and San Francisco. Before she entered the WAC she worked as a welder for Calship, on Terminal Island.

Her first enlistment in the WAC was in 1945, and after completing basic and surgical technician training at Fort Oglethorpe, she was assigned to duty at Dibble General Hospital. When Dibble closed she went to McCornack General Hospital, remaining there until her discharge. As a civilian she worked for American Can Company, and had intended to go to San Francisco State College, but changed her mind and re-enlisted in the WAC last January.

She was at Valley Forge General Hospital in Phoenixville, Pa., until September, when she asked for a transfer to Letterman. Upon her arrival here she was assigned to EENT surgery.

Wanda likes swimming, fishing, concerts, the theatre, and riding street cars. In books she enjoys biographies and, on the lighter side, murder mysteries. Last week she went to the Press Club Halloween party and came away a prize winner, with a new alligator calf wallet.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Have you ever hoped to find a pearl in your oyster stew? **Randolph Musick**, patient on ward B-2, did find one. It almost cost him a molar when he bit down on it.

Coleman Burnett is entertaining his fellow patients on ward 29 by singing Western songs and accompanying himself on the guitar. He is doing a good job.

Ray Logan, ward B-2, is another one to be bit by the stamp collecting bug. He is starting out and will accept any and all donations.

Raymond Adams, ward K-2, wants everyone to know that he is 18½ years old, and not just 18. Ray is a collector of all the latest phonograph records.

Morris Schwartz came home from a week end at Reno bogged down with silver dollars. Just change, Morris, or did you break the bank?

Homer Dollar is attempting to grow a beard. Maybe he wants to go incognito. Could someone be looking for him?

Bob Allen, Fred Cassias and Maurice Hartnett are three of the 40 patients who attended a Barbecue Club Picnic at the Hillsborough home of **Mrs. Robert Henderson** recently. **Mrs. M. L. Coulton** of the San Francisco Chapter of Gray Ladies and **Miss Dorothy Ericson**, recreation worker, arranged the party.

Nels "Ole" Olson was seen buying a supply of Christmas Cheer in anticipation of a 60-day furlough at his home.

Milton Wellons, ward 25, spent an un-Wellons-like week end while his parents visited from Seattle.

Patients on ward 31 want to know how old **Pat Cannady** really is. But he won't give.

Sgt. Rose Ruscak is complaining of losing her Christmas money on the ponies.

Robert Brookes, a long time bed patient on ward E-2, will be getting up this week. That should serve as a warning to LGH's female personnel, especially **Lea Crawford**.

Abraham Harris is excellent at fly-tying. He spends most of his free time in the O.T. shop making flies for the followers of **Isaak Walton**. He intends to open a shop of his own after discharge.

Christine McConnell came into the hospital as a patient, to rest—

she thought. She puts in a full day working on her ward.

The Photographers Club went on another field trip last week. The eight patients that got in on the fun were **Chaplain Gudmonson, Hans Gaare, James Ford, Ellsworth Woulfe, James Wallace, Billy Brandon, Victor Jacquot** and **Marvin Cook**. The photo-fiends went out to Golden Gate Park and the Chinese Gardens, where they dined on tea and rice cakes. That is, the rice cakes the squirrels didn't beg from them.

The winners of the football scoreboard radios for the past two weeks were **George Mowatt**, who won with 29 right and **Alvin Cobb**, ward 27, who missed only seven on last week's pool.

Edward Siefert feels like an unwanted orphan. He was assigned to the wrong ward, C-2, and the ward he belongs on has no empty beds. A man without a ward, that's Siefert.

William Ahlberg is wondering why he is always losing out on the football pool by just one or two games. He feels he has earned a radio by being so consistently close.

Lloyd Reed, ward C-2, was calling for coffee and **Billie** last week after coming out of surgery. We understand coffee, but who is Billie?

Did you know that **Reggie Vallez's** name isn't Vallez? It is Reggie Bueno. The Army in its inimitable way changed it for him at the reception center.

There will be less "change hunting" and fewer cries of "Have you got a couple of nickels?" now that the new "coke" machines have been installed near the "K" wards. Any coin can be inserted (pennies excepted) up to a quarter. It delivers a coke and the proper change—we hope.

Alfred Sadmune is supplying duty personnel of ward E-1 with free fish. Al goes out every day. He is as adept as he is ardent, coming in with deep sea bass every day.

Clinton Severance, ward C-2, is up and able to get to the PX every morning for coffee again.

Doctor: Your throat is very bad. Have you tried gargling with salt water?

Skipper: Well, I've been torpedoed six times.

ON THE SPOT



RAY M. HOUSLEY
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 Ray Housley is a mine of information on what goes on among the personnel of the Hospital Train Section. Reason: He writes the "Sidings and Tidings" column for the Fog Horn, in which is chronicled the comings and goings and amusing incidents about Hospital Train Section personnel. His regular duties are those of clerk in the Mess Procurement office.

Ray was born in Asheville, North Carolina, but his home is now in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he grew up and went to school. During high school vacations he worked for the forest service in various national parks in Arizona and New Mexico. He liked the work so much that he intends to specialize in forestry when he goes to college after he receives his discharge from the Army. He expects to become a civilian again before the first of the year, and plans to attend Colorado State A. & M. College in Fort Collins, Colorado.

He came into the Army in July 1946 at Fort Bliss, Texas, and went to Camp Polk, Louisiana for basic training. As soon as he finished his basic training he came to duty at Letterman, and has been with the Hospital Train Section ever since. He had his share of assignments on trains taking patients to other hospitals before he took over his present job.

Ray did some writing for his high school paper, and found that experience useful when he began to write the "Sidings and Tidings" column.

He hasn't had a chance since he's been in the Army to indulge in his favorite sport of skiing, but intends to get back to it when he goes to college. He also likes fishing and has recently become interested in color photography.

WAC

Confetti everywhere last Friday night and Saturday morning told of the happy times everybody had celebrating Hallowe'en at the Marina Street Dance which was attended by practically all the gals. Margaret Drescher, Opal Glenn, Mildred Stech, Anna Christiansen, Lee Lamaschus and Ginny Hill celebrated the evening at the Presidio N.C.O. Club Costume Party.

Opal Glenn won the first prize of \$12.50 for her unique costume at the club party.

Saturday night Anna Christiansen was at the party celebrating the opening of the new Hospital Train Unit N.C.O. Club.

Lucky gal, Louise Haas. She is spending a three-day pass looking over the sights of Los Angeles.

On the ailing list in the hospital are Ginny Hill on ward G-1 and Chris McConnell on ward P-1.

Tiny Hicks is really practicing for the Sixth Army ping-pong tournament which is to be held here at Letterman in January. For practice games, she'll challenge one and all.

Basketball season coming close! That is a sure sign of winter and Christmas shopping.

Jobs for Veterans Service Successful

Washington (AFPS)—Nine out of every ten veterans desiring jobs are now gainfully employed.

The U.S. Employment Service made this report, along with the statement there are still 700,000 former servicemen looking for work. There also are 1,350,000 others now attending schools and colleges who will need employment within the next two years.

Perry Faulkner, director of the Service's veterans' placement division, pointed out that among those yet unemployed are large numbers of handicapped veterans for whom deliberate efforts must be made to expand job opportunities.

During the last year, 258,000 disabled veterans registered as such and are seeking positions. About 60 per cent of them were placed in jobs. Thousands more who have service-connected disabilities might have been placed, Mr. Faulkner said, but they were not registered as handicapped veterans.

Jones: "To what do you attribute your success?"

Smith: "Well, I'm trying to make an honest living, and there's no competition."

SHE'S AN EXPERT AT MAKING SPEEDY PREPARATIONS FOR A LONG JOURNEY



Miss LaVERNE MULLIGAN
Surgical Service Secretary

When you ask LaVerne Mulligan about that combination of French and Irish that makes up her name, she says she doesn't know why the French "LaVerne," but that "It's all my father's doing." LaVerne is really her middle name and Mary her first name, but she likes LaVerne Mulligan better than Mary Mulligan, thus getting contrast instead of alliteration, and certainly LaVerne suits her sparkling personality (see above picture). What's more the personality is accompanied by blue eyes, dark curly hair and an infectious smile.

LaVerne was born in San Francisco and educated here. She spent two years at San Francisco Junior College, where she majored in social work. She worked for an insurance company for a time, and was cherishing a desire to go to the Islands, when she happened to hear of a secretarial job at Queen's Hospital in Honolulu. With a mere two days notice and mighty hectic days they turned out to be, she managed to get ready to leave. In spite of all the rush, she didn't forget a thing, and on New Year's

Eve was on the boat bound for Hawaii. She says it was quite a New Year's Eve celebration, preceded by a farewell party given for her before she sailed, and continued during the festivities aboard ship.

She turned out to be one of those lucky people who are good sailors, and wasn't affected (as some of the passengers were) by the paradox of the turbulent Pacific. She spent a happy six months in Honolulu, but was obliged to return home because of the illness of a member of her family. She came back by plane and enjoyed that trip, too. She hopes to go back to the Islands for a visit some day, but is concentrating on wishing for a trip to Europe for her next travel-time.

LaVerne came to Letterman in June of this year, and is medical secretary in Surgical Service, handling post-operative dictation.

In her free time she enjoys golf, deep-sea fishing, and the theatre. She wears a lovely diamond, but on her right hand, and says it has no romantic associations, which should be good news for the male contingent.



The week's activities for the personnel of the Hospital Train Section were largely devoted to the 231 military patients who arrived Monday on the Hospital Ship Comfort. That old familiar hustle and bustle incident to preparing a rail movement was ever-present until the string of cars rolled through the gates of the post.

Classes for forty-two ward men and train riders were temporarily suspended for the week. Last week's subjects included care of bed patients, care of NP and TB patients and orientation on the administering of drugs. Captain Jean Fox and Captain Daniel Steinberg took the roles of instructors for the sessions.

Discharges once more depleted the ranks of the HTS with the departure of T/5's Glen Cromer, Donold Ranken, William Revels, Harold Latham and Pfc. John Hottenstein.

Captain Bernard Schuman has finally returned to this station after an extended period of TDY at the Camp Kilmer Detachment.

Sign of the Times: the movie at the Crissy Annex Theatre played to a capacity audience on the last day of October, but the house was virtually deserted for the next few evenings. What a difference a pay day makes!

S/Sgt. Albert Mills has been assigned the duties of Night CQ for the month of November.

Volleyball has been revived by those two old hands at the game, T/Sgt. "Red" Mitchell and T/3 Jim Oisten. The game enjoyed quite a bit of popularity with HTS men last winter, and to judge from the enthusiasm of the group playing at noon and in the evenings, it will soon be the number one sport.

WOJG William A. Love is expecting his orders for duty in Korea any time now. Mr. Love is a veteran of many miles on the railroads as train ration officer.

T/Sgt. Warren Kernop is back on the job after a thirty day stay with his family in West Point, Georgia.

Father: "You've been engaged to that pretty girl for a long time. Why don't you marry her?"

College Boy: "I've been thinking about it; but if I did, where would I spend my evenings?"

MEDICAL DETACH

The street dance held in the Marina on Hallowe'en was attended by Henry Atkinson, Norris Johnson, Donald Breon, Harry Wetherill, Edwin Richman, and Okey Coleman.

Wonder if you have noticed that the fellows who live in barracks 103, Sixth Army Area, reside over an old graveyard of Indians, Mexicans, and Spaniards . . .

When we stopped at the Occupational Therapy building one afternoon recently, we saw more than a dozen men busying themselves with plastics, clay, printing, photography, and woodworking. Much credit should go to the staff there who keep activities running smoothly. To Bob Richardson, Wladymar Berzesa, Edward Lopez, and Sergeants Lee White and James Snyder (also WACs Aletha Birchfield and Ella Craig) we say, "Thanks gang—keep it up."

What They Are Reading:

John Perring—"Prince of Foxes."
Loren Reynolds — "The Razor's Edge."

James Sharp—"The Sling and the Arrow."

Good-byes were said to Charles Weand when he was discharged last week. Having completed 20 years of service, Sergeant Weand retired to do some farming around Lompoc, California.

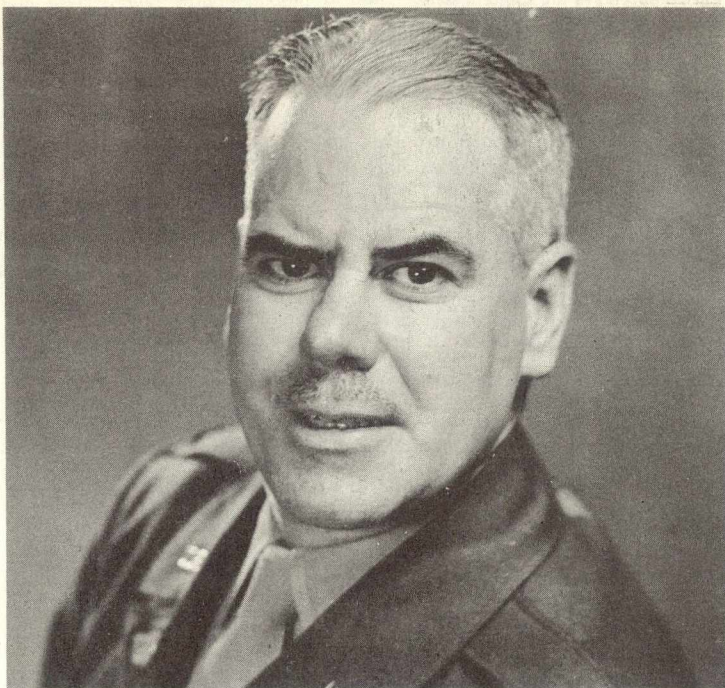
John Lemanski is currently spending a furlough here in San Francisco. He secured a job with the floral concern of Podesta and Baldocchi. Yes sir, he is smelling like a rose.

Have you sen the 'vehicle' being driven by Harry Sagar? It is one of the early American Pierce-Arrows. The gas tank is said to hold thirty-three gallons. Needless to say it hasn't been full lately.

Tom Moore is counting the days until his discharge. (Does that sound familiar?) When last seen he had 39 to go. North Carolina is his home and he plans to return there to open a fishing resort.

Mrs. Ruth Staley, one of the Educational Reconditioning instructors, really has her hands full teaching English, basic mathematics, and typing. Eugene Lawrence, William De Roose, Ceazar Barnes, and Le Roy Fullerton are among her students.

HIS ARMY ASSIGNMENTS KEEP BRINGING HIM BACK TO CALIFORNIA



WOJG RUSSELL C. WATSON
Chief, Troop Information and Education Branch

WOJG Russell C. Watson, who has been Chief of Troop Information and Education Branch since he came to Letterman in August 1946, first came into the Regular Army in 1932. He has been in the Medical Department all during the time he has served in the Army.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in Arlington, New Jersey. He attended Columbia University in New York, where he studied mining engineering. Before entering the Army he was with Standard Oil of New Jersey, and for a time was in the dairy business.

After joining the Army in 1932 he went to Panama, where he was at the Station Hospital in Corozal. This tour of duty lasted two years, and was followed by three years at the Station Hospital at Fort Mv-Dowell, on Angel Island here in California. Mr. Watson says the deer on the island were so tame they came right to the mess hall for meals. However, even though they were in the chow line, they never tried to get on the payroll.

In 1937 Mr. Watson left the Army and for the next three years was with the San Francisco Board of Health. He was in the Reserve Corps, and was recalled to active duty in February 1941. He was sent first to the Presidio of Mon-

terey, and the next stop was the Station Hospital at Camp Roberts, California, where he was chief clerk of the Sick and Wounded Department until 1942. He went there as first sergeant, and in August 1942 took the examination for warrant officer, to which grade he was appointed October, 1942.

He spent a year at Camp White, Oregon, as utilities and maintenance officer, then went to Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham City, Utah, as assistant registrar and CO of the Detachment of Patients.

He went to the Philippines in 1945, and was CO of the Detachment of Patients and Personnel officer at the 360th Station Hospital at Lingayen Gulf. Upon his return to the States after his overseas duty he was again sent to Bushnell, where he was assistant adjutant until the hospital closed in July 1946. He then came to LGH and his present assignment.

He and his wife Evelyn have one son, Harry, who was a flight officer in the Burma-India theatre during the war, and who is now studying electrical engineering at the University of Kansas.

Mr. Watson's chief pastimes are softball and photography. Much of his free time is taken up with his activities in the Masonic lodge and in the American Legion.

Anything For A Laugh

Blonde: "The boy I had a date with last night kissed me a hundred times. Have you ever had a boy kiss you a hundred times?"

Brunette: "Of course not. Boys only go after quantity when they can't get quality."

The parlor was quiet. The lamp was turned low. The boy and girl sat close together on the sofa.

He speaks: "Darling, what are you thinking about?"

She: "The same thing you are."

He: "I'll race you to the ice box."

Patient: "I seem to have a cold. I've already seen the druggist about it."

Doctor: "And what idiotic advice did he give you?"

Patient: "He told me to see you."

"Women can never keep a secret" said the jolly bachelor

"Yes, they can," retorted the spinster; "I have kept my age a secret since I was 25."

"But some day you will let it out," chuckled the jolly bachelor.

"No, never," came the sharp reply. "If I can keep a secret for eight years, I can go on keeping it."

Officer: "Do you know who I am?"

Corporal: "No, sir."

Officer: "I'm the colonel of this outfit."

Corporal: "Oh, boy! Are you going to catch it! The sergeant's been looking for you all morning."

A lady approached an Edinburgh surgeon and asked him if he would perform an operation. "What for?" he inquired.

"Oh, anything you like. You see, I attend a lot of women's bridge parties and, never having had an operation, I simply can't take part in the conversation."

A backwoods mountaineer one day found a mirror which a tourist had lost.

"Well, if it ain't my old dad" he said, as he looked in the mirror. "I never knowed he had his pitcher took."

He took the mirror home and stole into the attic to hide it. But his actions didn't escape his suspicious wife. That night while he slept she slipped up to the attic and found the mirror.

"Hum-um," she said, looking into it, "so that's the old hag he's been chasin'."

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

White gowned and masked figures move quickly and silently in the circle of cold white light. The patient breathes thickly; the needles of the oxygen dial flicker. A tall figure bends over the operating table, his fingers moving rapidly and surely. Quickly, without wasted motion, he guides his patient along the hairline that separates life and death. Then he straightens up; the nurses relax. These are our physicians and surgeons of the world.

About 70 percent of all doctors in the United States normally are in private practice. The others are with private hospitals and Government hospitals and clinics; health services, universities, industrial organizations, Army and Navy Medical Corps, and research institutions. Nevertheless, there is an acute shortage of trained personnel. Opportunities are especially good in rural areas and group medicine.

You may prepare for medicine by acquiring an M.D. (Doctor of Medicine) degree and serving an internship of one to two years. The two to four year pre-medical course in college generally includes sciences such as zoology, botany, chemistry, organic chemistry and physical chemistry, physics, and psychology. During the first two years of medical school you will study anatomy, histology, biochemistry, physiology, bacteriology, pathology, and related studies. Much time is also spent in clinical observation.

The Educational Reconditioning Office offers many correspondence courses that will help in entering a pre-medical school. For example: Inorganic Chemistry, Physics, College Algebra, Trigonometry, and General Psychology. Offered also are the self-study courses: Elements of Healthful Living, Introductory College Chemistry, College Algebra, Physics, Machinery of the Body, and Principles of Abnormal Psychology.

Find out what the medical school of your choice requires through the Education Office. Consult the catalogues and pamphlets or have a letter written to the university for further details. You can obtain more information that will prepare you for the medical profession by checking the Army Vocational Information Kit also to be found in the Educational Reconditioning Office, Building 1039, or by calling extension 4403.

☆ Armistice Day, Nov. 11 ☆ Belligerent Talk Shadows World Peace

(AFPS)—In a world still restless with the belligerent statements of nations and talk of a third World War, people of the United States will pause on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, to pay tribute to those whose lives were lost in past wars.

Armistice Day originated at the close of World War I, when the talk of the world was disarmament and demobilization, and the permanent end of war.

This Armistice Day will find the talk of the world concerned with military preparedness, increases in armaments, greater expenditures of funds for military purposes, universal military training, and the maintenance everywhere of armed forces as the "guardians of peace." Leaders in the United States are stressing that in these unsettled times our thoughts must be concerned with military preparedness.

The talk of the world this Armistice Day also will have much to do with the problems growing out of World War II—the hunger of people in large areas of the world, the need of clothing, medical aid and rehabilitation loans. Americans wrestling with the problems contend that effectual aid is imperative to the cause of peace in years to come.

To honor the memory of the 260,000 Americans killed in combat in World War II, President Truman has been asked to lead the nation's observance of Armistice Day by placing a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, at Washington. In ceremonies there, James F. O'Neil, national Commander of the American Legion, will speak.

In Philadelphia there will be a parade of Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard units. Speakers will be Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall and Generals Jacob L. Devers and Ira T. Wyche.

In programs in other American communities, the people will give thought to the cost of war in terms of human lives, and will raise voices in prayer that there will be no World War III.

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Seattle, Wash. (AFPS)—Fifteen-year-old twin sisters, Jimmie and Jackie Yocum, are recuperating in twin beds at a Seattle hospital, following operations for appendicitis.

The sisters developed the ailment at the same time. They also went through measles, mumps, chickenpox and whooping cough together.

Cincinnati (AFPS)—Charges of burglary were brought against William Critz, 28-year-old landlord, after a woman tenant accused him of stealing a safety pin from her pajamas as she slept, and then stealing a kiss. Critz denied the woman's charge.

Memphis (AFPS)—A bus driver made an unscheduled stop in the middle of the block, jumped out, rang the doorbell of a nearby house.

On his return a minute later, he told his passengers: "I just rented that apartment they advertised."

Atlanta, Ga. (AFPS)—More relaxing of federal sugar rationing caused a boom in moonshining, State Revenue Commissioner Glenn Phillips reported. Agents set a ten-year record with 1648 raids, seizure of 6450 gallons of liquor, arrest of 243 persons and destruction of 171 stills.

Berkeley, Calif. (AFPS)—The University of California daily recently carried this ad:

"Wanted: Freshman with light schedule to work as a cadaver. No previous experience necessary. Two dollars per hour."

Student Ellis Byer, who wrote the ad "just for fun," said it was surprising how many seriously sought the job.

Douglas, Ga. (AFPS)—When Mack Carter, Negro farmer, won the featured award at the tobacco auctions—a new automobile—he wasn't sure his wife would be pleased at his good fortune. "She'll think I've been shooting crap again," he worried.

Chicago (AFPS)—A twenty-one-year-old woman and her 66-year-old husband are the proud parents of the largest child ever born in the Chicago Maternity Center.

The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Asmus. The new baby, weighing 15 pounds at birth, is their second child. The first, also a girl, weighed eight pounds five ounces at birth.

Des Moines, Iowa (AFPS)—Luis Carrizales, 88, will become a father again in December. He and his wife, who is 23, already have two children, aged 1 and 2 years.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

One in every five World War II veterans holding National Service Life Insurance policies has converted to one or more of the half-dozen available permanent plans, Veterans Administration said.

Of the 5,746,000 policies in force in August, more than 1,037,000 were permanent policies and the remaining 4,708,000 were five-year level term policies.

Nearly two-thirds of the veterans who had converted their policies, or 634,900, selected 20-payment life. Thirty-payment life was second in popularity with 194,000 policies. Following, in order, were ordinary life, 156,400 policies; 20-year endowment, 30,950; endowment at age 60, 15,000; and endowment at age 65, 6,300.

Total value of all the G-I policies in force amounted to more than \$34.4 billion. Permanent forms accounted for over \$14.4 billion of this total.

NSLI term policies issued before January 1, 1946, may be continued for eight years from the effective date at the original rates, while such insurance issued after that date may be continued for five years on a term basis.

Term policies do not accrue cash, loan, paid-up or extended insurance value. They may be converted at any time before the expiration of the term period to any of the six permanent plans available.

Question: I am a World War II veteran and would like to know the minimum and maximum amounts of National Service Life Insurance I can take out?

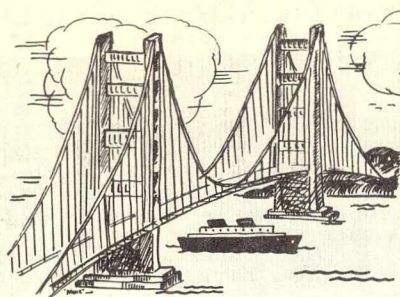
Answer: The minimum for NSLI is \$1,000 and you can get more in multiples of \$500 up to \$10,000.

Question: Do National Service Life Insurance policies participate in savings?

Answer: Yes, if favorable mortality experience and interest earnings warrant a premium adjustment, dividends from gains and savings will be authorized by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

Question: Why do I have to pay two monthly premiums instead of one when I reinstate my lapsed National Service Life Insurance policy?

Answer: One premium is for the 31-day grace period following the date of lapse, during which the insurance was continued in force without payment of premium; the other is for the current month of the reinstatement.



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Colonel McKie Receives the Legion of Merit

Colonel Alva B. McKie, M. C., was the recipient of the medal for Legion of Merit at an informal ceremony held on Monday morning in the office of the Commanding Officer. Colonel Dean F. Winn pinned the medal on Colonel McKie and extended his official and personal congratulations on the occasion. Mrs. McKie was also present for the ceremony.

Colonel McKie is one of those officers who really "belong" to Letterman as he has three tours of service here to his credit, and his current status as a patient really adds up to four. The old timers around here just claim him as one of their own.

Colonel McKie first came to Letterman in 1926 as chief of the Out-Patient Service and he remained for five years before leaving for a tour of duty in the Philippines. He came back again to us as Executive Officer in 1940 under Brigadier General Wallace De Witt and remained until 1942 when he was assigned to command and organize Baxter General Hospital at Spokane, Wash. When that hospital was deactivated three years later Col. McKie returned to Letterman and for a brief period was the commanding officer in the absence of Brigadier General C. C. Hillman.

In February 1946 Col. McKie was given an important assignment in the medical service for the European Theatre of Operations where he stayed until ill health brought about his return in the late summer of this year.

The citation accompanying the award of the Legion of Merit reads: "Colonel Alva B. McKie performed exceptionally meritorious service as Commanding Officer of Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, (Continued on Page 6)



LEGION OF MERIT

Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, decorates Colonel Alva B. McKie, MC, with the medal of the Legion of Merit.

SOUVENIR FIREARMS DEACTIVATED FREE

Veterans Administration urges veterans with souvenir firearms and explosives, such as grenade and live shells, to have them deactivated by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in order to protect their own lives and the lives of their families.

For full information on how and where weapons and explosives may be made harmless free of charge,

veterans are requested to write the nearest district office of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The appearance of firearms rendered unserviceable is in no way affected.

District offices of the Alcohol Tax Unit are located at 555 Battery St., San Francisco, telephone YUkon 6-3111 and at Seattle, Wash.

General Clark Decorates LGH Patient with DSC

Corporal Henry R. Mendoza, Letterman patient who was a hero of the Leyte campaign, received the nation's second highest decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross, from the hands of General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army commander, this week at the Armistice Day ceremonies at the Presidio. He was one of 31 persons decorated that day, and his was the highest award presented.

Corporal Mendoza has been in Army hospitals for three years, and has been at Letterman since May 1946. He received the Distinguished Service Cross award "for extraordinary heroism against the enemy" at Leyte on 24 October 1944.

Advancing across a clearing, Cpl. Mendoza's company was checked by heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire from a concealed entrenched position. The company resumed the attack, but was halted after a short advance, sustaining many casualties, and a strong enemy counterattack forced it to withdraw. Cpl. Mendoza, well forward and armed with an automatic weapon, stayed where he was in an effort to check the enemy so that our wounded might be rescued.

Holding his fire until an enemy squad had almost penetrated the company's left flank, Cpl. Mendoza then opened with his automatic rifle and annihilated the squad. Enemy fire was immediately concentrated on him, wounding him severely in the head, neck and leg, but Cpl. Mendoza refused to leave his post until he was carried to the rear by direct order.

His citation states, "His steadfast devotion to duty . . . made possible the evacuation of many of his comrades who would otherwise have fallen into the hands of the enemy."

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Educational Reconditioning Offers Well - Rounded Program

The well-developed program of the Educational Reconditioning Branch of Convalescent Services here at Letterman is designed to serve both patients and duty personnel in the pursuit of learning. Hundreds of patients as well as a good proportion of duty personnel have taken advantage of the many benefits of the program.

All those interested are encouraged to avail themselves of the General Educational Development Tests, the USAFI courses and Applications for Credit for Educational Achievement during Military Service.

Elementary, high school or college level work may be taken, and both technical and professional courses are available. The individual has a choice of USAFI courses, classroom study here on the post, specialized instruction on the ward (in the case of bed-patients), or correspondence courses.

The Educational Reconditioning Branch has a counselling service through which personnel interested in further education may be advised as to what work best fits their needs and capabilities.

United States Armed Forces Institute services are all available through Educational Reconditioning. Through the General Educational Development Testing Center, tests are administered upon application. If the battery of high school GED tests are successfully completed, they are then sent to USAFI headquarters with a request that the official scores be sent to the testee's former school. At the same time a completed "Application for Credit for Educational Achievement during Military Service" is sent to the school with a letter stating that official GED scores will be sent directly from USAFI. It is estimated that during the past two years 235 high school diplomas or equivalency certificates have been granted to Letterman personnel.

Subjects of the five high school level GED tests are: Correctness and Effectiveness of Expression, General Mathematical Ability, Interpretation of Reading Materials in (a) Social Studies, (b) Natural Sciences and (c) Literary Material.

Some states grant high school diplomas on the basis of the GED tests; others do not. Personnel who are from states in the latter category may still obtain a diploma or equivalency certificate by establishing a San Francisco residency.



COUNSELLING IN EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING
T/3 Frances Jenkins answers the questions of Duane Lauer, Letterman patient, about the educational benefits offered by USAFI and advises him on a course of study.

This is done by studying four subjects, either at a school here in the city, or here on the post under a certified instructor. In the case of bed patients the instructor comes to the ward; for those who are ambulatory, classes are held.

Many college level GED tests have also been administered to those who are planning to enter college, and credit is granted at the discretion of the college concerned. An increasing number of Regular Army men are taking GED tests because of the proposed Army career plan.

The college level GED tests consist of four comprehensive examinations in the social studies, the natural sciences, literature and English. These tests are intended primarily for those who had completed or almost completed their high school course before entering the service or who had just begun their college education. With such individuals the tests may be used to determine whether all of their formal and informal educational experiences have given them the equivalent of the broad cultural

basis for later specialization which they might have received through such courses at the freshman or sophomore college level.

A registration center is maintained by Educational Reconditioning Branch for the convenience of personnel. Correspondence courses as well as general texts are kept on hand, and the fact that the books are readily available aids in the proper selection of courses.

USAFI courses, for which texts are furnished without charge, may be taken upon payment of a \$2 registration fee. After payment of this fee there is no further charge, no matter how many courses are taken. Duty personnel may register for two courses at a time; patients for three. Upon successful completion of the courses, personnel may enroll in other courses without additional charge.

In order to assure that all patients are informed as to what educational services are available, a ward counselling program is conducted here at the hospital. Newly admitted patients are contacted as soon as practicable after their ar-

rival, and information is obtained as to their educational and vocational preferences.

Another means of bringing the Educational Reconditioning program to the attention of interested personnel is the USAFI Quiz Show, broadcast from the Recreation Hall twice weekly over Letterman's radio station KLGH. Another quiz show, the "Battle of Letterman," also tells about USAFI, and is broadcast once a week.

Other educational opportunities are made available to patients and duty personnel through the cooperation of the Adult Division of the San Francisco Unified School System. All of their educational facilities are available to soldiers in this area, tuition free. Besides evening classes in several high schools, this also includes daytime attendance at San Francisco Junior College, Galileo High School and Gompers Trade School. In addition, four teachers are paid by the City of San Francisco to teach at the hospital. There are also five volunteer teachers who give their time without charge to teach special subjects.

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Educational Reconditioning Activities at Letterman



MUSIC THEORY

And practice, too. Above, Miss Harriet Baken, who teaches music at LGH, is shown with a group of patients in one of her classes. L to R: Ted Ames, Miss Baken, Bob Kelly (seated), Ernest Rangel.



USAFI QUIZ BROADCAST

John Miller, station manager of KLGH, gets a correct answer to a USAFI Quiz Show question from Eddie Beavers, LGH patient. The quiz is broadcast twice weekly from the Recreation Hall, and a silver dollar is paid for each correct answer.



THE USAFI LIBRARY

Duty personnel as well as patients may take advantage of the courses offered under the Educational Reconditioning program. Above, Miss Hannah Goldberg finds a text for T-4 Charles Catterlin.



U. S. HISTORY CLASS

Miss Frances Lilienthal, teacher from the San Francisco school system, with some of the patients in her class in U. S. History. L to R: Hans Gaare, George Gill, Ernest Rangel, Tokko Fukuchi.

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EDITORIAL

DISCIPLINE

"I am Master of my Fate." Are you?

It is a boast and how often do we make good our boast! We assume that Fate is the law by which events in nature occur. Master is the chief authority or power to control.

To be a Master one must study hard and work, having an aim that takes one on.

Ambition is the master that leads to achievement. We oft-times have desire, which differs from ambition. Desire says—I would like. Ambition says—I will. Some say to be ambitious is to be selfish. Have not some of our most ambitious men achieved results that have been of incalculable value to their fellow men?

The line of least resistance is most often taken in the course of our lives. Passive resistance merits no praise. There is no strength built when the discipline is allowed to relax. An event occurs and we say fate so willed it, when if the person had so willed, he would have been in a condition to exert a power against it.

It is easy to say—if I had only. It is not too late now. Start now and DO. Instead of pursuing pleasure only during your entire waking day, or leisure hours, devote some portion of the time to something of practical value. Read that you may acquire a ready command of language and an idea of the logic of events. Apply yourself to some end. Be ready

CIVIL CIRCLES

We can say "welcome back" this week to Myrtle "Wickie" Kirby, who was formerly in the library at Letterman, and has recently returned to work at the hospital. She is now in Military Personnel section.

Joseph Marea of the Orthopedic Limb Shop is back on duty after a 30-day leave. He enjoyed his month of leisure time right here in San Francisco.

Gus Tevis spent a week's leave visiting his brother in Oakland. His brother has recently returned from Honolulu and bought a home in the East Bay city.

June Grumstrup of Military Personnel was in an auto accident during her recent vacation, and though June was not injured, the girl with whom she was travelling was not so fortunate, and was badly hurt. June has now taken additional leave to go down to southern California to be with her friend for a time.

Three new employees were welcomed to Letterman during the past week, Arthur L. Theiss, former Lieut. Colonel in the Army Air Corps, has taken over the duties of training instructor in Civilian Personnel Branch. Miss Elizabeth Thomas, who was formerly classification analyst with the California Quartermaster Depot, is now classification analyst here at Letterman. Miss Dorothy Fleigler, OTR, has joined the staff of the Occupational Therapy Shop.

Harriet Baken, who teaches music in Educational Reconditioning, is the proud owner of a new Magnavox, she has also already acquired recordings of all the Beethoven sonatas. Saturday evening Harriet and Alice Torgerson of Finance office entertained at an informal party at their apartment at which the Magnavox met some of their friends and played for them. Lettermanites present were Lillian Ferguson, Capt. Frances Peterson, Esther Hartman, Helen Hoffman and Ruth Staley.

Cries of welcome were heard one afternoon this week in the Educational Reconditioning office when Mrs. Anne Cromwell, who as Anne Palmtag was a member of the E/R staff, dropped in for a visit. Since her marriage her home has been in New York.

for the opportunity when it arrives.

Will you be the Master of your Fate? The answer lies with you.—Service Stripe.



Only here two weeks and already liking Letterman very much is First Lieut. Wilma R. Baker, ANC, better known by her nickname of "Bonnie." She has just returned from a two-year tour of duty in Hawaii, and is on duty here on ward K-2. Her home is in Rantoul, Illinois, and she received her training at Augustana Hospital in Chicago.

Wedding bells will ring next Monday, 17 November, for First Lieut. Lucile Penland, ANC, and Anthony Guassardo, patient on ward 29. The wedding will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Church on Columbus Square, and the attendants will be Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lavezzo of San Francisco. The bride plans to wear a beige suit with pink accessories and will carry orchids.

Captain Vida Buehler, chief of Physical Therapy, is enjoying a 20-day leave, which she intends to spend in Oregon and Southern California.

First Lieut. Ethel M. Earth, ANC, is returning to the civilian life, and expects to enter the University of California for studies leading to a medical degree.

First Lieut. Leath Shaffer and Ruth Wall are back from a trip during which, in the space of five days, they went through both summer and winter. The summer was in Los Angeles; the winter on Donner Summit and in Reno. Going over Donner Summit they needed chains, but those snow topped mountains were well worth the trouble.

MORE ABOUT DSC DECORATION

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Cpl. Mendoza entered military service at Fort MacArthur, California, and went overseas with the 7th Infantry Division in April, 1942. He saw service in Attu, Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, and finally Leyte, where he was wounded.

His wounds were so severe that it was thought he might never walk again. But a long series of operations proved successful, and he is now able to walk, though he still suffers some pain.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 16 November, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Rosary Devotions: 1 Oct. to 2 Nov.

Week days at 1900. Sundays after 0800 Mass.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

MORE ABOUT RECONDITIONING PROGRAM

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Two full time Army teachers provide the chance to learn harmony, counterpoint, music theory, piano or any other musical instrument the individual desires.

The American Legion cooperates by paying for University of California correspondence courses for patients.

Personnel assigned to Educational Reconditioning are: First Lieut. Adele L. Duke, acting chief in the absence of First Lieut. Frances E. Harlee, who is at present attending the I & E course at Carlisle Barracks. First Sgt. Kenneth C. Robbins, M/Sgt. James C. Horton, M/Sgt. George R. Barte, T/Sgt. Guy Shortz, T/3 Frances W. Jenkins, T/4 Charles Catterlin, Pfc. LeRoy Hessler, Pfc. Jack Cratty, Miss Hannah Goldberg, Miss Harriet Baken.

The San Francisco school system teachers are Miss Frances Lilienthal, who teaches English, History, Civics, Spanish and French; Mrs. Ruth Staley, who teaches English, Typing and Shorthand; Mrs. Hazel Lindsay, who teaches Music Appreciation. Miss Goldberg, in addition to her daytime duties in Educational Reconditioning, teaches evening classes in Typing.

The volunteer teachers and their subjects are: Miss Yvonne Perry, Art; Mrs. Margaret Mery, who gives tests to bed patients; Miss Fleda Chamberlain, Braille; Mr. R. A. Weaver, Accounting and Bookkeeping; Mr. Paul C. Haesler, Mathematics.

ON THE SPOT



GERONIMO CRUZ
Private

Geronimo Cruz was inducted into the Army in February 1945, when he was 19 years old. He received his basic training in his home state, Texas. While taking his basic at Camp Hood, Private Cruz decided he would like to be in the Military Police. He didn't have to wait long, for following his basic he joined the Seventh Division in Korea as an M.P.

Private Cruz served with the Hourglass Division until December 1945. At that time he re-enlisted in the Regular Army and was awarded a re-enlistment furlough which he spent at his home.

Following his furlough he was again sent overseas, this time to Germany. In Europe he was assigned to the Constabulary Forces of the Third Army.

While serving with the Constabulary Force, Cruz received an arm injury, and was hospitalized in August 1946. He was evacuated to the states the same month and came first to Beaumont General Hospital in Texas. After a short time at Beaumont he was transferred to Letterman, arriving here in the latter part of September 1946. He is on ward B-2.

Before coming into the Army Private Cruz worked on farms through Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming. He intends to go back to this work after his discharge, hoping eventually to own a ranch of his own.

Private Cruz spends most of his free time reading the latest popular novels, or going fishing at the Crissy wharf. He also attends as many football games as possible. He is betting that University of Southern California plays in the Rose Bowl this year.

Private Cruz, like all good soldiers,

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Frank Tillotson was seen "shooting" for baskets at the gym from a wheelchair. He recalls having played against the Olympic Club in 1909. He was stationed here at the Presidio at that time, just three years after the great fire.

Another old-timer is Edward Burke, who retired in 1921 after 30 years service. This is his third time at LGH. He is on Ward F-1.

In comparison, there is 10 year old Mike Talbot on ward G-1. Mike is the son of Lt. Col. John Talbot of the Medical Corps. Also at LGH is 12-year-old Norman Ryan, son of S/Sgt. Ryan of Fort Cook. Norman busies himself at the O.T. shop, where he is making a wallet.

John Yuen is moanin' and groanin' this week because he forgot to submit his football score card, and he had only five losers, which would have made him a winner.

Elizabeth Page is slated for discharge. She is not too anxious to go, though. Her home is in Chicago and she is afraid the weather may be a bit chilly back there. But "Frisco" evenings aren't too warm.

Victor Tolomeo is back at LGH after a furlough. He spent most of his time and all his money back east in Washington, D. C., New York and adjacent territory.

Midget auto races are held daily on ward D-2. The little wooden, jet-propelled cars are fashioned like the big racing cars and attain a speed of 50 miles per hour. They are guided down the center of the ward by a string, coming to a stop against a pillow—or the ankle of an unwary nurse.

John Clark is readying himself for a 45-day reconnaissance—in search of the Lost Weekend. He expects to find it somewhere near his home.

The wardmen on C-2 want to get Reggie Vallez and Stanley Krajewskit together in the same room. They get more phone calls per day than the rest of the ward combined. By

has his likes and dislikes. His main "like" is good food. He says the food here at Letterman is the best he has had since coming into the Army. His big "dislike" is that "new look" the women have; he much preferred the old style of short skirts.

the way, Krajewski gave Notre Dame 13 points for the Army game. That's what is known as esprit de corps. Cost him a little money.

Among the new patients from "Billy" Beaumont General Hospital are Kenneth Baldon, Royal Service, William Wood and George King. Royal is known as the lady killer of the group; Baldon is looking for a furlough and William Wood says he is going to win the radio this week. George wouldn't talk. They all like Letterman and are making friends fast.

Robert Fields and Orville Hemburger, bed patients on ward K-2, are both studying during their idle hours on the ward. Fields is furthering his already extensive knowledge of photography and Hemburger is "boning up" on bookkeeping and accounting.

Milton Walther, a recent transfer from Beaumont General Hospital, is renewing his acquaintance with Miss Louise Lindow of Occupational Therapy. Miss Lindow was formerly in O. T. work at Beaumont.

WAC

Captain Charlotte Woodworth, CO of the WAC detachment, spent a few days last week enjoying herself at Carmel.

The newest addition to the detachment recently arrived from Camp Kilmer. She is T/Sgt. Margaret Bell, and the girls in barracks 212, her present residence, extend a special welcome to her.

Helen "Tiny" Hicks is a patient on ward O-1, and she has our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

During a 15-day furlough which she spent right here in San Francisco, Jo Porter enjoyed a visit from her family, who came from Texas.

Becky Monroy of barracks 213 is our newest re-enlistee. Becky, a former Lettermanite, requested re-assignment to LGH. During her first enlistment she worked here on ward K-2.

Her friends in the detachment have had a letter from Agda Johnson, who writes that she is at Camp Kilmer, eagerly awaiting the day of her departure for the ETO.

Edith Altenberg, Sheila Daugherty

WAC OF THE WEEK



JANICE A. COPUS
Technician Fifth Grade

Current theme song for T/5 Janice Copus could be "Heading for a Wedding," because that's how it is, and it's a Letterman romance, too. The lucky man is Corporal Thomas Deming, who is at present a patient here. They met shortly after Janice arrived at LGH in August, and the wedding date has been set for December 14.

Janice, who works on the morning reports in the Detachment of Patients office, was born in Fargo, North Dakota, and has also lived in Minnesota and Utah. At present her family lives in Moorhead, Minn. Janice is 21, and has been in government service since she was 16.

Before joining the WAC, she worked for the Ordnance Department, beginning with a part time job while she was still in high school. She says she knows more about machine guns and bombs than about cooking and sewing. But after her forthcoming marriage that will all be reversed, no doubt, although one of her hobbies will continue to be rifle practice.

She entered the WAC in March 1945, and went to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for basic and surgical and medical technicians training. She spent the next 26 months at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, then asked for a transfer to Letterman.

Janice says she enjoys hunting, fishing and swimming, and that in fact she likes all sports. She and her brother used to build model planes and conduct combat warfare with them.

After Janice becomes Mrs. Thomas Deming next month, she and her husband will make their home in New Orleans, La.

and Bess Jeffries spent last weekend in Carmel.

Current Federal Examinations

The Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for the positions listed below, all of which are current. In some cases there is no closing date for applications. Where the closing date has been announced, it is given herewith. Particulars regarding requirements of education and experience may be obtained from the Civilian Personnel office, Room 201, LGH Administration Building.

Accountant and Auditor (Public Accounting), \$3397 to \$5905.

Aeronautical Research Scientist, \$3397 to \$9975.

Astronomer, \$3397 to \$7102.

Clinical Psychologist, \$4149 to \$7102.

Coal Mine Inspector, \$4149 to \$5905.

Dietitian, \$2644 to \$4902.

Elevator Operator, 90 cents and 95 cents an hour or \$1690 and \$1822 a year.

Closing date for applications, 26 November 1947.

Engineer, \$3397 to \$9975. For Army Air Force positions.

Engineer, \$3397 to \$7102. For Navy Department positions.

Geologist, \$4149 to \$7102.

Messenger, \$1690. Only persons entitled to veteran preference may apply.

Oceanographer, \$3397 to \$9975.

Petroleum Inspector, \$3397 to \$4149. Closing date for applications 1 December 1947.

Psychologist (Personal Counselor), \$4902.

Research Psychologist, \$3397 and \$4149. Closing date for applications, 3 December.

Student Dietitian, \$1470.

Veterinarian, \$2644 and \$3397.

The lady movie-goer turned to the man sitting behind her, and said: "Shall I remove my hat?" He replied: "Please don't. It's funnier than anything I've seen on the screen."

Girl's father: "Young man, in this house we turn out the lights at 10 o'clock."

Young man: "Say, that's swell of you!"

Colonel (reviewing troops): "Hang it all! What's the idea of parading all the big men in front of the little men?"

Lieutenant: "It's the Sergeant's fault, sir. He used to run a fruit store."

SHE GOT TWO ENGAGEMENT RINGS—AND FROM THE SAME MAN, TOO!



Mrs. MARION BREACH
Supervisor, Officers' Section, Military Personnel

If Letterman maintained a list of "best-dressed" women, Mrs. Marion Breach would undoubtedly be on the list. She definitely has that enviable "well-groomed" look, with every shining blonde hair in its upswept place. She spells her first name with an "o," because her mother didn't want her to be called Maryanne, and the device worked, so Marion it is.

Marion was born in Stockton, but grew up and went to school in San Francisco. She has been with the Army since 1935, so Army procedures are a familiar story to her, and she can easily take the frequent changes in her stride. She was first at the Presidio, where she worked with statistics. Later, after nearly a year at Fort Mason, she came to Letterman. That was in 1943, and she has been in Military Personnel here ever since. She is supervisor of the Officers' Section, in which capacity she supervises the work of eleven persons.

In May of last year Marion became Mrs. Reginald Breach. Her husband, who was in the Army during the war, is now a civilian employee at Fort Mason. Marion

wears a handsome matched engagement and wedding ring, and is probably one of the few persons on record to have received two engagement rings from the same man. It happened this way: Only ten days after she received her engagement ring, she lost it. After advertising her loss, and waiting in vain for a return of the ring, she gave up. But not Mr. Breach. The ring had been specially made at Shreve's, and he had another made, exactly like the lost one, thus giving a happy ending to the story.

The Breaches have a home in the Sunset district, and both have recently become interested in gardening. They call themselves amateurs, but are having fun finding out what it takes to get to be experts in both flower and vegetable gardening.

They both like skiing, and Marion is now busy knitting socks to go under ski boots. But she says she doesn't think they had better wait until the socks are finished for their next skiing expedition to the Sugar Bowl. "Because at the rate I'm going, it looks like only one of them will be ready by Christmas."



To Captain and Mrs. Kenneth Harold Lillie, a boy, **James Kenneth**, born 28 October.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Adelard Gagnon, a boy, **Lee Philip**, born 29 October.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Louis J. Kramer, a boy, **Edward George**, born 29 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Carl Everett Cloud, a boy, **Michael Dennis**, born 30 October.

To Captain and Mrs. Anthony Charles Mastrolia, a boy, **Michael Anthony**, born 30 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Ronald William Curnes, a boy, **Peter Michael**, born 30 October.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Wilson Dea Kelly, Sr., a boy, **Wilson Dea, Jr.**, born 1 November.

To Sgt. and Mrs. William Wright, a boy, **Johnny Lee**, born 1 November.

To Captain and Mrs. John Gerhardt Meyer, II, a boy, **John Gerhardt, III**, born 2 November.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. John Wm. Barrett, a girl, **Katherine Anne**, born 3 November.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Price Benson Barrett, a boy, **William Patrick**, born 3 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James Charlton Rhodes, a girl, **Sharon Lee**, born 3 November.

To Major and Mrs. Quentin Dale Hanson, a girl, **Sharon Anne**, born 3 November.

MORE ABOUT COLONEL McKIE

(Continued from Page 1)

Washington, from 7 October 1942 to 10 November 1945. Colonel McKie, by strictest attention to duty, admirable leadership and untiring effort, was able to make Baxter General Hospital an outstanding success in thoracic surgery and rehabilitation training for this type surgery. This program, ably conceived and directed by Colonel McKie, was unique in character and eminently successful in results and provided a model for other institutions of its kind."

MEDICAL DETACH

George Norris acted as host for the movie producer, Cecil B. De Mille last Saturday afternoon. The Hollywood magnate was very interested in activities of the patients and the help that the film celebrities could give.

George, the genial Special Servicer, travelled to Mare Island with the Hospitalized Veteran's Entertainment Committee to sing for the Navy patients recently.

Have you seen the boys who really go all out to clean the ramps and their windows? Lawrence Prophet is among the many who can be seen clinging to the outside of the buildings polishing the glass. Here is where a step from the wall means a nine foot fall.

It was too bad to see the flowers which circled the palm trees in the main patio removed. All during the summer the gardeners took excellent care of the multi colored begonias; removing weeds, dogs, and children. Now with the blossoms gone, so are the canines and their cohorts.

The YMCA is displaying some fancy shell craft and leather work which was done by patients and detach-men. It is well worth your while to stop and look.

The Locator Section is one of the busiest places in ye olde hospital. The NCO in charge, T/Sgt. Paul Bird, and his four enlisted confederates lead a none too quiet life among the packages and communications. Jack Greer is responsible for the directory of mail for all detachment personnel. (Which brings up some recently arrived and cleverly addressed letters . . .

T/5 Leon Stein

Letterman General Hospital
Los Angeles, California

1/Sgt. Kenneth C. Robbins
Commanding Officer,
Letterman General Hospital
No name

Leadman General Hospital
Postmaster, Oaklane, California

Getting back to Jack, he helps in the initial breakdown of each dispatch along with Gordon Kingsley, Marlyn Rosenbalm, and Robert Curto. These last two fellows deliver mail to all wards and take care of forwarding and readdressing.

NOW THAT THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS ARE OVER, HE'LL MAKE IT THIRTY



First Sergeant KENNETH C. ROBBINS
Of the Educational Reconditioning Branch

First Sergeant Kenneth C. Robbins will celebrate the completion of 20 years in the Army in the very near future—next February, in fact. With the exception of six months as a civilian he has been in the Army since 1927, having enlisted shortly after he left school. His present intentions are to make that 20 years read 30 before he becomes a civilian again.

He was born in Newburyport, Mass., and when he was 16 went with his father on a trip around the United States. Then he went to school in Florida for a time, and after working for a couple of years, joined the Army. His first station was in Hawaii, where he spent three years. During that time he was at Scofield Barracks and at Tripler General Hospital.

After his return to the States, he spent two years at Providence, R. I., in the Recruiting Service. Then, after a year at Fort Adams, R. I., he went back to Honolulu and Tripler for the next six years. Returning to the States again, he spent that brief six months as a civilian living in San Diego, then re-enlisted in 1940 and came to Letterman, where he was assigned to EENT.

He was at Camp Santa Anita, Fort Ord, and Camp Grant, Ill., for

brief tours of duty before going overseas in 1944. Arriving in England shortly before the invasion, he went to Normandy soon after, and was in France for a year. He says he didn't master the language, but "picked up enough French to get by." He was also in Germany while overseas. He came back to the States by air, with stopovers at Casablanca, Santa Maria and Bermuda. The plane landed in Miami, and he returned to San Francisco by rail.

Sgt. Robbins was next assigned to duty at Letterman, and during this second tour has been at Crissy Annex, Dante Annex, in Special Services, and is now with Educational Reconditioning Branch. Since he has been back at LGH, he attended the Information & Education School at Carlisle Barracks, and the class of which he was a member had the honor of having their diplomas presented by General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Sgt. Robbins' wife Mary is also a Lettermanite, and works for the Bay Area Exchange in the Officers' Clothing Store.

In his free time Sgt. Robbins enjoys tennis, swimming and reading, particularly the last, with emphasis on historical novels.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Things were quiet in the Hospital Train Section with the departure of the trains for Eastern destinations. Rumor has it that another Hospital Ship will dock here before the end of the month, so the train-riders will be pretty well "on the go" for the entire month.

T/3 Jim Oisten, the Train Section's affable mail clerk, was temporarily a bachelor as his wife left for a visit in the East. He says he'll spend the long evenings in redecorating their home in Richmond.

At T/5's William Jewell and Carlton Pedrianna were discharged; their places as non-coms were filled by the promotion of Pfc's John Kepel and John McClain to Tec. 5.

T/3 Paul Magale just did get on the train headed for Percy Jones General Hospital last week. He was added to the kitchen car staff at the last minute, so had to do a bit of rushing around to get packed up and make the train.

Though he manages to keep pretty busy, Pfc Vince Gonzales would welcome more business in the detachment Tailor Shop, located in the supply room. An expert job of cleaning and pressing can be had at a saving, and profits from the shop go to the unit fund.

Captain Wymon Taylor left on the Hospital Train bound for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. His is the duty of coordinating the activities of the maintenance departments of the Train Section here at Letterman and at Camp Kilmer. He will spend seven days there before returning to this Station.

The noise of the jack-hammer raised havoc with office personnel all week, but the new roadbed was sorely needed for our trains.

Library

John J. Espey spent his childhood with his missionary family in Shanghai and writes about it in "Tales Out of School." Many of these episodes were printed in the New Yorker and contain fascinating accounts of the American School, of the eccentric Russian Teacher of French who created a crisis with the school authorities, an adventurous attempt at running away, etc. All the tales are told with the same gently-ironic humor which characterized Mr. Espey's "Minor Heresies." In the Library.

Medical Corps Officers Arrive For Training

Eight Medical Corps officers arrived at Letterman this week for a 90-day training period, and have been assigned to EENT Service. All are Air Corps personnel, and will depart for their duty stations upon completion of their training. Four of the officers will be in the Otolaryngology Section, and four in the Ophthalmology Section.

Those assigned to Otolaryngology are: First Lieuts. Jack Brodsky, Boston, Mass., from Tufts College Medical School; Billy J. Carter, Chappell, Nebr., University of Nebraska College of Medicine; Max E. Denton, Mount Gilead, Ohio, Ohio State University; Elmer W. Lorenz, Riverside, Calif., College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, Calif.

The officers assigned to Ophthalmology are: First Lieuts. Clifton Dreyer, Los Angeles, College of Medical Evangelists; Ellis Ellison, Minneapolis, Minn., University of Minnesota; Neil C. Hamel, Arpin, Wisc., College of Medical Evangelists; Lloyd L. Long, Jr., Durant, Okla., University of Oklahoma.

At the end of the 90-day training period the officers will leave for duty at the following Air Force Stations: Lieuts. Lorenz and Dreyer, 1st Station Medical Group Tactical Air Command, March Field, Calif.; Lieut. Brodsky, 3502nd Air Force Base Unit Air Training Command, Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill.; Lieut. Carter, 463rd Air Force Base Unit Command, Fort Warren, Wyo.; Lieut. Denton, 3505th Air Force Base Unit Air Training Command, Scott Field, Belleville, Ill.; Lieut. Ellison, 401st Air Force Base Unit Air Defense Command, Hamilton Field, Calif.; Lieut. Hamel, 427th Air Force Base Unit Strategic Air Command, Roswell AAF, New Mexico; Lieut. Long, 233rd Air Force Base Unit Strategic Air Command, Fort Worth AAF, Tex.

Proud Parents

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Leslie Harvey are the parents of a son born 30 October. The baby, who weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces at birth, has been named **David Nelson**. Sergeant Harvey is in charge of the Letterman swimming pool.

Doctor: "I don't like to bring this up, but that check you gave me came back."

Patient: "I don't like to mention this either, but so did my gout."

Report From Washington

By Armed Forces Press Service

Unification of the National Defense Establishment will be derived at by "evolution rather than revolution," according to Defense Secretary James Forrestal. His policy is to let the Services run as always, meanwhile slowly putting changes into effect. Proposed changes being studied would:

1. **Eliminate overlapping** systems of purchasing, storage and supply. (An estimated 85 per cent of material used by the Army also is used by the Navy.)

2. **Eliminate useless duplication** of Service hospitals. (Some locations now have both Army and Navy hospitals where one would be sufficient.)

3. **End overlapping** research systems.

4. **Eliminate procurement** systems that have the Army and Navy bidding against each other.

5. **Consolidate duplicate mail** systems where the Army and Navy have separate post-offices, sometimes side by side.

6. **Integrate the air transport** systems.

7. **Consolidate weather** stations.

8. **Combine the work of duplicate intelligence** systems.

Selective Service board members in many States are holding meetings and laying plans for "some kind of mobilization" in the event of passage of universal military training legislation or a possible "national emergency."

Air Force officials estimate that new career opportunities now being planned will bring the reenlistment rate up to 70 per cent of the quota. A recent survey dis-

closes that 39 per cent of the 3-year men in the Air Force plan to reenlist. Only 19.1 per cent do not plan to reenlist, while 41.03 per cent are undecided.

The Army Commendation Ribbon may be awarded as a combat medal if expected changes in regulations materialize. It would be given for service not fully meeting the requirements for award of the Bronze Star Medal or the Air Medal.

An intensified drive for passage of universal military training legislation will be instituted by the Army at the reconvening of Congress November 17. It is believed that the trend of international events has put the public in a more receptive mood toward a compulsory training program.

Other Army-backed legislation that will be up before Congress includes:

1. Amendment of the Articles of War to improve military justice.

2. Establishment of a Women's Army Corps in the Regular Army.

3. Equalization of retirement benefits of reserve officers with regulars.

4. Buildings for National Guard and Officers Reserve Corps.

5. Authorization for permanent Army construction.

6. Military aid to China.

7. Inter-American Military Cooperation Act providing for arms to South American countries.

8. Military and Naval missions to foreign governments.

9. Improved experimental research work.

HOMESTATE

Pittsfield, Mass. (AFPS)—Labeled "conscience money," a package containing \$4,000 was received by mail at the office of City Treasurer H. Edward Hayn. There was no further explanation, so Mr. Hayn doesn't know whose conscience troubled him, or why.

Indianola, Ia. (AFPS)—The "hawk" which Ike Trunell killed with his hands when it attacked one of his chickens, turned out to be a golden eagle. An adult golden eagle, experts said, could virtually tear a man to pieces.

Washington, D. C. (AFPS)—The problem of high food prices is a real one for Dr. William M. Mann, director of the Washington Zoo. Food for animals this year will cost \$50,000, as compared with the \$24,000 spent annually under normal conditions.

New York (AFPS)—A mother, 41, and daughter, 21, married to the same man, each having a child by him, and both living with him in the same house, posed a bigamy case "too complicated" for Magistrate F. X. Giaccone. So he held the husband, Raymond Golightly, 48, in \$1,000 bail and threw the whole thing in the lap of the grand jury.

Hillside, N. J. (AFPS)—William Ripley was charged with assault on his wife.

"I think you owe her an apology," said the court.

"No, I don't," said Ripley.

"Perhaps I can convince you," said the court. "Sixty days."

Brooks, Ore. (AFPS)—Mrs. Betty M. Dunlavy, now suing for her 15th divorce, hasn't had as many husbands as the record would indicate. She married one man twice and another three times.

Easton, Pa. (AFPS)—A calf born here two years ago, has only a single head and two ears, but is equipped with four eyes, two mouths, two noses, and breathes on both sides.

Albuquerque, N. M. (AFPS)—Demonstrating the differences between his .38 revolver and a toy pistol he had just given his small nephew, Deputy Sheriff Charles Slaughterbeck wounded himself in the chest. He will recover.

Atlantic City (AFPS)—The National Pretzel Bakers' Institute is conducting a campaign to convince the housewife that it belongs in the kitchen as well as the corner saloon. Pretzels stimulate appetite in children, are tasty when covered with mustard, and can be eaten with ice cream, the Institute says.

Gallup, N. Mex. (AFPS)—The little woman used to drive Rex Jordan zany because she just wouldn't keep a reserve gas supply in the family jalopy. But now Rex admits her method is good. When thieves copped the car from the Jordan home, they were caught a couple of blocks away—out of gas.

Special Services Goal Emphasized on Outfit's 4th Birthday

(AFPS)—Burma Road didn't come to Broadway, but a part of Broadway went to Burma Road. Soldiers on war-time duty at far-flung points saw Broadway shows through the facilities of the Army's Special Services division.

Personnel of the Special Services division look back on those activities with a feeling of a difficult job well done on the fourth anniversary of the organization, November 11th.

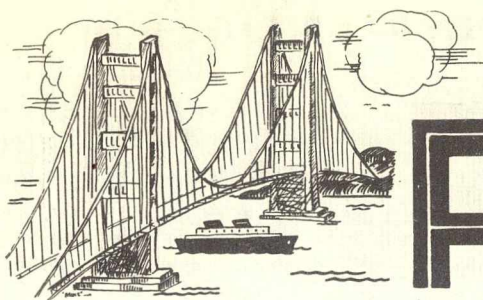
Special Services isn't concerned only with amusements for the troops, however. This agency of the Army covers almost every conceivable phase of the gigantic task of providing for the well-being of the soldier.

It operates the Exchange Service through which soldiers may purchase the necessities and luxuries not furnished in kind by the Army. Part of its profits are devoted to the Army Recreational Service which runs hobby shops, the library service, musical programs, soldier shows, and recreational athletics.

Special Services also operates the Army Motion Picture Service, which supplies the pictures shown at post theaters.

During World War II, 105-man entertainment units known as Special Service companies were organized, and 41 of these units toured all theaters.

Brig. Gen. Russell B. Reynolds, who now heads Special Services, has set one goal for the Division—to continue exploring every channel of soldier interest to provide the best wholesome off-duty recreational program possible.



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Colonel Phillips Is New Chief of Army Nurse Corps

Lieutenant Colonel Mary G. Phillips became the second member of the Army Nurse Corps to wear the eagles of a full colonel when she was sworn in as the Chief of the Corps in succession to Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield recently retired.

The ceremony took place in the office of the Secretary of the Army, The Honorable Kenneth C. Royall, in the presence of the Surgeon General, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, and a small group of officers and nurses of the Medical Department.

Colonel Phillips is a graduate of the Army School of Nursing, and was appointed in the regular army Nurse Corps in 1929. She was an instructor in the Army School of Nursing until the school was discontinued and since that time has held very important assignments in this country and overseas.

When the expansion of the army was initiated in 1939 Col. Phillips was called into the office of the Surgeon General in the capacity of assistant to the Director of the Nursing Service. She played a large part in the program which saw the strength of the Corps reach the figure above 60,000.

After hostilities had ceased Colonel Phillips was assigned as Director of Nurses in the Pacific Area and organized that service to carry on the work of caring for the occupation forces. She was recalled to the office of the Surgeon General in March of this year.

Her education prior to entering



Colonel MARY G. PHILLIPS, ANC
Recently appointed Chief of Army Nurse Corps

the Army School of Nursing was received at Medford High School, Medford, Wisconsin, Sauk County Normal School at Reedsburg, Wisconsin, and the University of Wisconsin. Before taking up nursing as a career Colonel Phillips taught in the Sauk County schools.

Her tours of service in the army have been mainly in the eastern part of the United States and in the Philippines.

As Chief, Army Nurse Corps, Col.

Phillips will direct the work of the nurses in their new status as commissioned officers of the regular army under the recently enacted law which places nurses on the same plane as the male commissioned officers with all of the rights and privileges hitherto withheld from the nurses.

She brings to her office a broad experience as an executive at top level and a wide knowledge of the profession as it applies to care of the sick and wounded in the armed forces.

LGH Patients See The Fashion Show That Went to Paris

The California Fashion Show that went to Paris came to Letterman this week, thanks to the efforts of Miss Anna Mahony, Red Cross recreation supervisor at LGH.

On Wednesday evening patients on eight Letterman wards expressed their deep appreciation of the showing of "The New Look" for Spring. This appreciation took the form of everything from conventional applause to those long, low whistles. In short, the patients liked not only the costumes, but also their contents—the glamorous models.

All the fashions shown were by California designers of the Manufacturers and Wholesalers Association of San Francisco. Miss Pandora Hollister, who was the coordinator for the Paris show, was here to direct activities, and Katherine Kerry of KQW, who went to Paris as commentator, went from ward to ward describing the costumes. Miss Peg Hoppin, the association's publicity co-ordinator, was here to assist with the show. Miss Nancy Jones and Mrs. Mili Hendrix of the Red Cross recreation staff were responsible for arrangements for staging the show here.

More than 50 costumes were shown, ranging from bathing suits to formal wear. There were clothes for sports and for daytime wear, elaborate clothes and casual clothes, and colors were used in startling and original ways.

The models who showed the new Spring fashions were: The Emery twins, Pat and Pris, Linn Biron, Ruth Bride, Joan Compton, Pat Dossee, Pat Hunt, Pat Knudson, Gloria Raggio, Emily Scofield, Virginia Swain, Irene Thor, Dorothy Van Nuys, Dorothy Walker, Bernice Fangido, Minon Dororty, Denice Rainey, Marybeth Seaborn, Tina Drescher, Alice and Irene Coleman.

Will UN Achieve a "Free and Independent" Korea?

(AFPS)—The United States has been playing ping-pong with Russia on Korea's table since September, 1945. The Koreans want the table back so they can use it themselves. Now the United States has requested the athletic commission of the United Nations to judge the game and the UN has agreed. But the Russians may decide to keep their half of the table and let the UN judge only the points on the other half.

Actually, the Koreans have not been able to use their table since 1894. It was then that Japan fought a war with China, aimed, they said, at establishing the independence of Korea. Ten years later Japan waged war against Russia, ostensibly for the same reason. Japan was victorious in both conflicts, assuming the guardianship of Korea and promising to guide the ancient nation toward its independence. Instead they turned Korea into a Japanese colony, fitting it into their scheme of empire without any rights of self-government whatsoever.

During World War II, the United States, Great Britain and China agree that "in due course Korea shall become free and independent." Russia later subscribed to that pledge when it was reaffirmed at Potsdam in 1945. Though it was not practical or even possible to make Korea an independent nation immediately after the surrender of Japan, Koreans believed that "in due time" meant just that. Embittered by years of unfulfilled promises and enslavement, they felt strongly about self-government.

It was agreed by the big powers that Korea should become independent as soon as an economic, social and political program could be established. At the close of the war, Russian forces occupied the country above the 38th parallel and American forces took over below. The Foreign Ministers of both nations met at Moscow in December of 1945 and established a Joint Commission for the development of democratic principles in Korea.

The Joint Commission met first in early 1946, but divergent approaches to the problems to be worked out prevented any important action. The Commission adjourned after clearing up only such minor points as mail exchange. Otherwise the division between the industrial North and the agricultural South was as between two armed camps separated by the "iron cur-

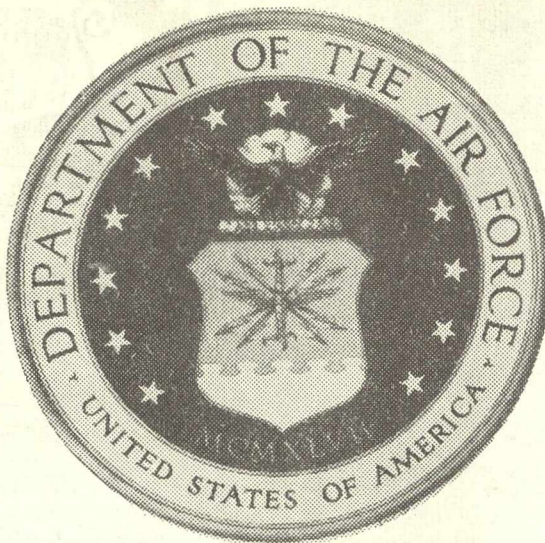
In approving the above design as the official seal of the Department of the Air Force, President Truman drafted the executive order in terms of heraldry. Thus, the description read "with a shield per fess nebuly abased azure and argent, in chief a thunderbolt or inflamed proper and a crest on a wreath argent and azure, an American Bald Eagle, wings displayed and partially elevated proper in front of

a cloud of argent." It means the seal is blue and silver. The shield is cloudy blue and silver, and contains a thunderbolt and wing design. The crest is an eagle, wings spread, before a silver cloud.

tain." The Commission met again in March to consider the demands of the many political organizations in the country, but could establish no policy for determining which of the 500 organizations should be heard. The Russians wanted to exclude all groups which had previously expressed opposition to Russo-American joint-trusteeship, thus automatically excluding all but communist-dominated groups. The United States claimed this constituted a violation of the right of free speech. The Commission deadlocked and then adjourned for over a year.

Here is the background on the Korean dilemma. The UN has adopted an American plan calling for a nine-nation Commission which will supervise secret elections before March 31. It will guide the new government while it establishes a national military force and accepts the authority now held by the Russian and United States occupational forces. At the moment, indications are that Russia will not accept the authority of the UN Commission.

New Air Force Seal



There followed an exchange of letters between the commanders of the two zones, General Hodge and General Christiakov, and later, of communications between Secretary of State Marshall and Foreign Minister Molotov. The latter exchange resulted in the reconvening, with high hopes on the part of the U. S., of the Joint Commission in May, 1947. However, it was the same old story. No decisions could be reached that were agreeable to both sides. The Commission adjourned after a U. S. announcement that General Marshall would present the question of Korean independence to the United Nations.

On November 5, 1947, the United States' plan for the development of Korean independence was accepted by the United Nations Assembly, with Russia and her satellites declining to vote.

The Russians have established a Korean Army in their zone powerful enough to overrun the whole country. It was because of this that a Russian proposal for the removal of both Soviet and American troops from Korea on January 1st of next year was defeated by the UN Assembly prior to the adoption of the American resolution.

Broaden Eligibility Requirements for R A Candidates

A joint Army-Air Force press release on 1 November signaled the broadening of eligibility requirements for competitive tours of active duty leading to appointment in the Regular Army or Regular Air Force.

The newly enunciated policy permits officers who are high school graduates but who do not have two years of college to take an Educational Development test to establish eligibility in lieu of the college education previously required.

The next competitive tour of active duty starts on 15 January 1948. Officers may be up to 27 years of age except medical, dental, veterinary and Judge Advocate General officers who may be 32 years of age, chaplains who may be 34 and Medical Service Corps candidates who may be 30.

More than 400 vacancies in the Regular establishment can be filled from those entering the tour commencing in January. Officers on active duty should submit application to the Adjutant General through their commanding officer and officers not on active duty apply direct to The Adjutant General. The deadline for applications is 30 November 1947.

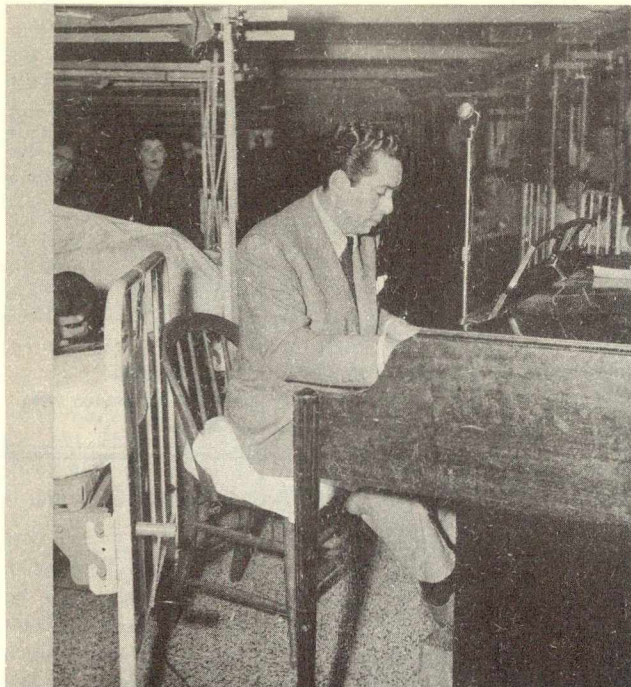
Christmas Party

The Christmas party for the children of the command will be held in the Recreation Center on Tuesday 23 December at 3:30 in the afternoon.

The United Nations Assembly plan calls for the dissolution of all military organizations in Korea, but only after a national military force has been set up by the occupational forces. Possibilities are, however, that the Russians intend to keep their jurisdiction over Northern Korea. In a showdown this would mean that Russia is willing to risk not only the approbation of the United States, but also of the United Nations organization.

History will soon decide whether civil war has been averted in Korea and whether, eventually, the Koreans will be able to begin a quiet long-awaited game of ping-pong on their own table.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



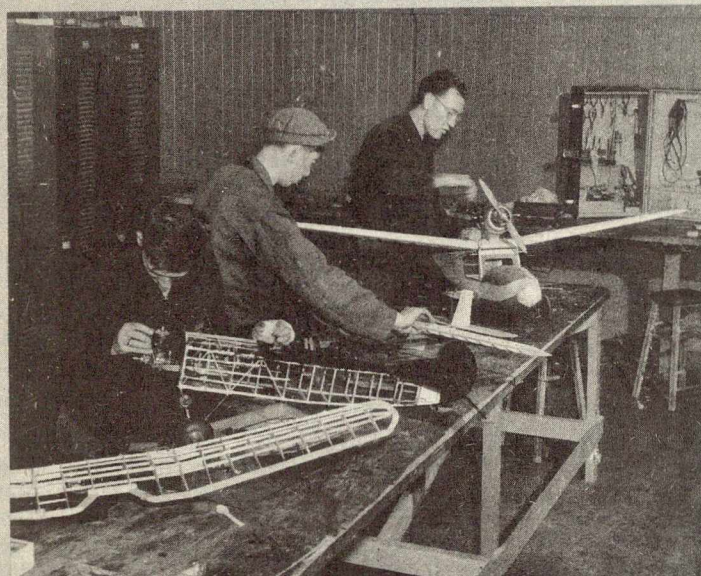
CARMEN CAVALLERO

Got a big hand from a big crowd when he entertained the patients here last week. He played requests for everything from "Blue Skies" to boogie-woogie.



HE MADE ALL THESE AND MORE

Jack Montgomery, patient on ward 1, posed for T-4 Sally Craig of O. T. with a collection of the teddy bears he has made while in the hospital. In the background is the baby blanket he designed for his year-old son, Jack, Jr.



MODEL AIRPLANE CONSTRUCTION

In the Craft Shop at the Army YMCA. L to R: Charles Girsberger, LeRoy Hodges, Barney Leonard. The plane on which Barney is working is an amphibian.



ANGLERS' CLUB TROPHY

The outgoing and incoming presidents of the LGH Anglers' Club pause to admire the trophy the club is offering to the patient who catches the biggest striped bass between now and 1 January 1948. It is on display in the East Hospital PX. L to R: Jefferson Gallope of ward 1, Milton Enderlin of ward B-2.

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EDITORIAL

A GOOD BUY

There is still at least one thing you can buy on which the price hasn't gone up in these days of inflationary trends. It is the United States Savings Bond. The price of a \$25 bond is still \$18.75 and in ten years it will bring you \$25. That means that you get \$4 for every \$3 invested.

As President Truman said in his address to the Congress this week, the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds is an excellent means of combatting inflation. It is pointed out by the Treasury Department that heavy investments in government bonds, by having an anti-inflation effect on the national economy, will make the \$4 you get upon maturity of your bond worth more than the same \$4 would be worth now.

The bonds may be acquired here at Letterman either from the Savings Officer or the Finance Office. You can make cash purchases or arrange for payroll deductions. You can have any amount from \$2.50 up deducted from each paycheck, and bonds will be delivered regularly upon completion of payment for each one.

Treasury Department figures show that a weekly investment of \$2 in savings bonds will, at the end of ten years, add up to \$1,387. Over a period of 20 years, the figure goes up to \$3,237. And for 30 years the total would be \$5,-

WAC

Saturday, 22 November, the day the FOG HORN puts in an appearance, is the birthday of Aletha Birchfield. Congratulations, gal!

The Friendly Policy is being resumed by Bess Jeffreys and Phil since Phil's return from furlough.

The Ice Hockey games at Winterland on Wednesday and Friday nights are becoming popular with some of the members of the WAC Detachment. Emma Ghormley, Frances Black, Aletha Birchfield and Carolyn Fix are among those who are attending the games regularly.

Jessie Pekarski is a lucky gal. She was the winner of a portable Philco radio in last week's football scoreboard contest. Congratulations, Jessie. She had 33 out of 40 all correct.

Stella Watras Wilson is really beaming these days. Her husband, "Woody," acquired another stripe this past week.

The unusual will happen! Anna Christiansen and Ginny Hill stayed home one night last week. As Chris said "The roof didn't even fall down. The surprise was so great that the gesture surprised even the roof!"

This past week in the performance of "Showboat" at the "Y" Frances Black had one of the singing roles. We certainly approved of her singing.

Juette Hartzell is enjoying a ten-day furlough here in San Francisco.

Two new members were welcomed to the Detachment last week. They are Rose K. Casilio and Margaret Bell.

This past week end S/Sgt. Joy I. Lother, who just returned from overseas, was a guest of Bess Jeffreys. She was stationed in Nanking, China and was with the Army Advisory Group.

703, of which \$2,583 would be accrued interest.

If ten years sounds too long for a planned savings program, look back ten years and ask yourself if you would have missed \$2 a week during that time. The answer will doubtless be "no."

You invest in your future when you buy U. S. Savings Bonds.



Procurement of personnel for the Army Nurse Corps, Regular Army, and the Women's Medical Specialist Corps having fallen far short of the strengths authorized by Public Law 36, 80th Congress, deadline dates for this program have again been extended.

The deadline date for submission of applications for appointment in the ANC and the Women's Medical Specialist Corps has been extended from 30 September to 30 November in order to offer every possible opportunity for qualified individuals to apply.

Screening centers will remain in operation until 31 December and completed action reports must be forwarded to The Adjutant General not later than 15 January 1948. War Department Circular 113 is amended by Department of the Army Circular No. 29, Par. 1, 24 October 1947, to provide for integration appointments of nurses and women medical specialists to be made in several increments prior to 31 March 1948 instead of 31 December 1947.

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Word comes from Chicago that a well known former Lettermanite, 1st Lieut. Katherine Eileen O'Connot, ANC, was joined in wedlock there on 4 October with Mr. John Joseph Murphy. As Kathleen herself would say: "Erin go Bragh."

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Ignoring the possibility of winter weather in the East, First Lieut. Leah Crawford of Physical Therapy took off this week on a 15-day leave to be spent at her home in Pennsylvania.

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First Lieut. Leah Shaffer of Physical Therapy began by taking a course in metal work at a San Francisco school, and found she liked it so much that she has bought a special kit so she can work at home in copper and brass. They say she intends to qualify as one of Santa's willing helpers during the holiday season.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 23 November, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Bay Meadows Revue

The Recreation Hall played host to a sparkling revue Wednesday night November 12, sponsored by William P. Kyne, General Manager of the Bay Meadows Race Track. Aiding in the presentation of the show were Murray Lehr, manager of the Olympic Hotel, and Jack Smith of Bay Meadows.

Headlining the ward entertainment were a group of the top jockeys from Kyne's San Mateo track. Among those present were Paul Miller, Merlin Volzke, Dick Beasley, Bobbie Breckenridge, Buddy Leavitt, Jack Robertson, and Henry Merino.

The jockeys were introduced to all at the Recreation Hall after their tour of the wards. Each gave a brief account of his riding background, much to the enjoyment of the audience.

Ambulatory patients were treated to the sophisticated stylings of the Gad-A-Bouts, headline trio appearing at the Olympic Hotel. Sharing the spotlight with the Gad-A-Bouts were Mel Ody, comedy juggler, and Pat Carol, a blonde blues singer. Muriel Mainard and Roy Widstrom, ball-room dancing team from Arthur Murray's studio and pretty 13-year-old Beverly Axelford, dancer, were also featured. The show was emceed by versatile Jimmie Jamerson, imitator and singer.

Due to the wonderful response of the audience Bill Kyne and Murray Lehr are contemplating another revue in the near future.

WAC OF THE WEEK



CAROLYN WIRT
Sergeant

People don't usually say they like fossils, but Sergeant Carolyn Wirt is different. She likes them, the older the better. However, it's not what you think. She wants to study paleontology, the science that deals with the life of past geological periods, which is why she's fond of fossils. But that's just one of her plans for the future. She also wants to be a writer. Meanwhile she keeps up her music, and can often be heard playing compositions of her favorite, Chopin, on the piano in the day room.

Carolyn was born in Wheatland, California, which is in Contra Costa county. She attended the University of California and Arizona State College, and before she was old enough to enter the WAC, she worked at Camp Haan for a few months.

In March 1945 she became a WAC and went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for her basic and medical and surgical technicians' training. Her subsequent assignments included Hammond General Hospital, where she worked on the N-P wards; Birmingham General Hospital, on the dermatology ward, and Dibble Hospital, in surgery. She was at each of these hospitals until they closed, and says she was about to get superstitious about the matter, but her next assignment was the hospital at Hamilton Field, which did not close. She came to Letterman in October of this year, and here she is performing clerical duties in Military Personnel.

Carolyn has a lot of interests outside her work. She likes to fly, and has had lessons from her brother, who is a pilot in the Air Corps, stationed at Hamilton Field. She has panned gold in the Yuba River country during vacations, getting on an average of \$3 a day, which is

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Robert Evans is searching for the culprits on ward F-1 who were mean enough to steal and eat the cake he had just received from home. Bob intended to save the tasty morsel until after dinner, but when he returned from "chow" it was all gone. Not one bite did he get.

Modice Price is starting to make his second rug with the help of the girls at O.T. Modice, a patient on ward K-2, has turned out some beautiful work in spite of his handicap of being blind.

Richard Saxe, although one leg is still in a cast, claims he is all ready for a dance. He is trying to promote a date with one of the nurses on his ward, D-2. Good hunting, Captain.

Five year old **Robert Geer** on Ward C-2 is rated as the biggest and best goldbrick in the hospital. With his engaging grin little Bobbie can inveigle anything from a push in a wheelchair to some extra dessert out of the nurses and ward men.

Buster Andrews had a series of bad luck that would make any person want to go to a hospital for a while and rest up. Buster's trailer house burned down as the result of a gas stove explosion. The very next day he was working on his automobile and got his clothes saturated with gasoline, his clothing caught on fire and now—well, Buster is just taking it easy on ward 29.

Royce Love has his bed on ward F-1 covered with model cars and boats that he has built. He enjoys the work until it is time for him to clean up, that's no fun.

Joe Perdue, ward 29, returned from a furlough last week. It was the first time he had been home in 12 years. He wouldn't give many details but he did say that he had a good time hunting and fishing around Antioch.

Phillip Lee is another detachment man enjoying being a patient. Phil was wardmaster on ward O-1 and is now a patient on ward C-1. He tells C-1 wardmen that turn-about is fair. They are wondering when

good pay for a vacation. She is interested in the ballet. She enjoys reading, particularly historical fiction. And since she likes to travel, she would like her next stop in the WAC to be the ETO or Japan.

their turn to be waited on will come.

Anthony Cecelio wants a retraction published in this column concerning the spelling of his new son's name. The correct way is Alan, not Allan. Apologies, Anthony.

Edward Patrick Gurry is sweating out a Christmas furlough. He likes ward F-2 well enough but he wants to get in on the family celebration at home.

John Clark has built one of the most beautiful model ships seen at the hospital. It is designed after the famous sailing ship "Flying Cloud."

Virginia Douglass, ward O-1; **Arthur Douglass**, ward B-2, husband and wife, both patients. Wonder if it's a record of some sort.

Genial **John Rubin** is the patient who acts as Chief Projectionist in showing movies on the various wards. John puts in up to 50 hours a week. His first assistant is Thomas Blake.

Robert Ely, who was recently transferred here from Beaumont General Hospital, has volunteered to spend some of his spare time working in the ceramics shop at O.T. as an instructor. Robert became very proficient at that work while a patient at Beaumont General and will be glad to help out anyone interested in the art.

James Ford and **Billie Thomason** finally managed to drink the coke machine on ward C-2 dry. They have worked hard at it and spent beaucoup nickels. The last bottle was emptied over the week end.

Chuck Gibson, on ward D-1, is wondering who the comic is that sent him an enormous package with a handsome gauze bow. In the overgrown packing case was just one little pack of cigarettes.

Norman Herman, ward F-2, donated a black kitten to ward C-2. Herman recalled that C-2 was particularly fond of cats, so when he found "Midnite" he thought the cat would make a nice pre-Christmas gift. The wardmaster wants you to come and take it back, Herman.

Professor Luis Monguio, member of the faculty at Mills College, who spoke here on "Ideologies in Europe" at the last meeting of the discussion group, was asked to address another meeting. He consented, and will speak to the group next Wednesday, 26 November.

ON THE SPOT



ROBERT UNDERWOOD

Bob Underwood, 24-year-old patient paratrooper from Chattanooga, Tenn., has been a patient at Letterman General Hospital since 25 February 1947. He has spent most of his time here on ward B-2 and K-2.

Before entering the Army in March 1943, Underwood worked as an airfield supervisor for the Government at Dayton, Ohio.

While taking his basic training at Camp Swift, Texas, Underwood was one of a few selected to go to radio school at Fort Riley, Kansas. Part of his training at Fort Riley consisted of learning to fly 150 pound remotely-controlled airplanes. With six other enlisted men and one officer he later toured from camp to camp throughout the United States demonstrating the use of these tiny aircraft.

When this tour of duty ended he volunteered for the Paratroops and took his jump training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was then shipped overseas where he participated in the landings at Luzon and Okinawa. He then moved on to Japan and was able to watch the ceremonies of the signing of Armistice in Tokyo Harbor, aboard the USS Missouri.

Bob came back to the states and was discharged in February 1946. He re-enlisted shortly thereafter and was at Camp Stoneman awaiting shipment overseas when he became involved in an auto accident and he has been in the hospital since.

Bob's favorite sport is golf and he plays it at every opportunity. He has improved his game considerably since coming to Letterman and he now shoots in the low 90's.

Bob is well satisfied with the food and treatment he receives here at Letterman but he is very anxious to get well and be discharged so he can go back to his civilian work at the airport.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Letterman friends of Jean Peetz of the Laboratory said good-bye to her Friday afternoon at a farewell party and presented her with a farewell gift. Jean is resigning after more than three years at LGH, and her friends here join in wishing her lots of good luck in the future.

George Hansen, LGH laundry superintendent, and his wife are the parents of a son born 18 November. The baby weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces at birth, and has been named George, Junior.

It's nice to have Zita Kelly back after her week's sick leave during which she battled with the flu and a sinus infection.

Bill O'Brien of the Record Room had the sad task last week of making arrangements for the funeral of his brother-in-law, Lieut. Harry Mortimer, who was killed in action in Belgium during the war. Lieut. Mortimer's body was among the first of the war dead sent back from Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Alig, both former Lettermanites, have announced the birth of a son, Robert James, born 21 October, weight 6 pounds, 11 ounces. The Aligs are now living in Leavenworth, Kansas. Mrs. Alig was formerly in the Personal Affairs office here, and her husband was in the medical detachment.

Mrs. Stella Zumwalt of the Adjutant's office is the fortunate possessor of a new Plymouth, and though she's new to driving she can now call herself a veteran. Reason: One day this week she drove to the hospital and back, and since she lives in Berkeley this meant bucking the traffic on the Bay Bridge at rush hours. If that doesn't make a veteran driver, who has a better test?

Hannah Goldberg of Educational Reconditioning is ping-pong minded these days, and although she didn't win all the games the evening she played this week, they say she's very good at the game.

Much has been said about our world responsibility. I conceive it as our desire neither to isolate others nor to be isolated ourselves. We must share—but with wisdom and prudence and the design to cooperate, not to squander.—Jacob K. Javits.

DO GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES? YES, IF THE BLONDE IS LT. WERNER



First Lieut. ALICE E. WERNER, ANC
Getting to be a short-timer

We have a certain degree of sympathy for people who seek publicity and meet with no success, and perhaps we should be equally sorry for people who seek no publicity and yet cannot avoid it.

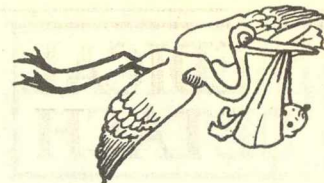
One of our more modest staff nurses here is First Lieutenant Alice E. Werner and she finds herself in the latter group. The hazel eyed blonde presents a very pretty picture and pretty pictures are always in demand. Just after she joined station here it was her lot to be assigned to a patient who was the victim of a hold up man's gun. The newspaper wanted a story and photographs. The cameraman was "cleared" for the ward—and there he sighted the blonde lieutenant. Next morning the paper printed the picture and Lieut. Werner was very much in print for all of San Francisco to see.

About that time the "FOGHORN" reporter awakened to her presence and sought a picture. The lady definitely declined and pleaded "Please, no publicity." A photo was later obtained but the subject was adam-

ant on "No publicity." Then one evening she and her close chum, Lieut. Mary Chesmer, were dining and dancing on a double date. They met a former nurse who had served with them on Guam—and the next day Alice was "in the paper" again.

Our reporter resented being scooped twice and he did a little research to come up with the fact that Lieut. Werner is a native of Clarinda, Iowa, and a graduate of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Urbana, Illinois. She was commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps, AUS, in January 1945 at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, where she underwent basic training. There was a brief period of duty at Percy Jones General Hospital before orders came for the 204th General Hospital at Guam where she arrived in August 1945. A year later she was moved back to Oahu with the 147th General Hospital and came to Letterman in August of this year.

During her stay here Lieut. Werner's duties have kept her on the surgical side but we think the men on the medical side would appreciate her ministrations. They will



To Cpl. and Mrs. Americo P. Fisher, a boy, **Alfredo Fisher**, born 5 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Thorvald Anderson, a boy, **Robert Allan**, born 5 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Charles L. Middleton, a boy, **David Charles**, born 6 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Walter Knox Hoffman, a boy, **Philip Knox**, born 8 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles W. Ker, a boy, **Graham Malbert**, born 8 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. George Emmitt Inlow, Sr., a boy, **George Emmitt, Jr.**, born 8 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Richard Daniels Kelly, a girl, **Kathleen Patricia**, born 11 November.

To Major and Mrs. Gus Francis, a girl, **Kathy**, born 11 November.

To T/4 and Mrs. Roscoe Porkey, a boy, **Ronald**, born 11 November.

To Major and Mrs. William Schminke, a boy, **Peter William**, born 12 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Frederick C. Keish, Sr., a boy, **Frederick Charles**, Jr., born 12 November.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Wellwood E. See, a girl, **Charlene Louise**, born 14 November.

To Major and Mrs. William B. Lewis, a girl, **Kathleen**, born 14 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Ralph W. Blodgett, a girl, **Judith Elaine**, born 15 November.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Howard E. Jackson, a girl, **Nancy Lee**, born 15 November.

To Lt. and Mrs. Melvin C. Frankenburg, a boy, **Kurt Douglas**, born 15 November.

"This girl's fresh from the country and it's up to us to show her the difference between right and wrong."

"O. K., pal, you teach her what's right."

have to hurry because she is in Category VIII and is eligible for separation on 31 December.

TLC from her would be good anywhere.

MEDICAL DETACH

The seventeenth of November was P-Day or Promotion Day for thirty detachment men. Congratulations to the new Technicians Fifth Grade and Corporals.

Despite the fog and dampness recently, the Letterman footballers have been turning out strong for practice. The scrimmage on the lawn in front of the Recreation Hall last Monday was witnessed by over 75 persons.

One man, Fred Lindsey, (who wasn't even in uniform) was doing some beautiful passing as well as some nice running. Mention should be made also of Jim Schultz, Ellis McDiffitt, Henry Atkinson, John Tyson, Ray Simi, Lloyd Woodbury, Le Roy Hessler; and some other boys identified only as T/5 Kelly, Faulk, and M/Sgt. Morris.

This Saturday our team will probably meet 'The Fleetlines' of Oakland. In the near future they are scheduled for a game with Treasure Island. The one practice tilt so far was with Hamilton Field where we were dropped 14-7.

Russ Vizzi, chaplain's assistant, is currently in the hospital as a patient. Hope his recent trip home was not too much!

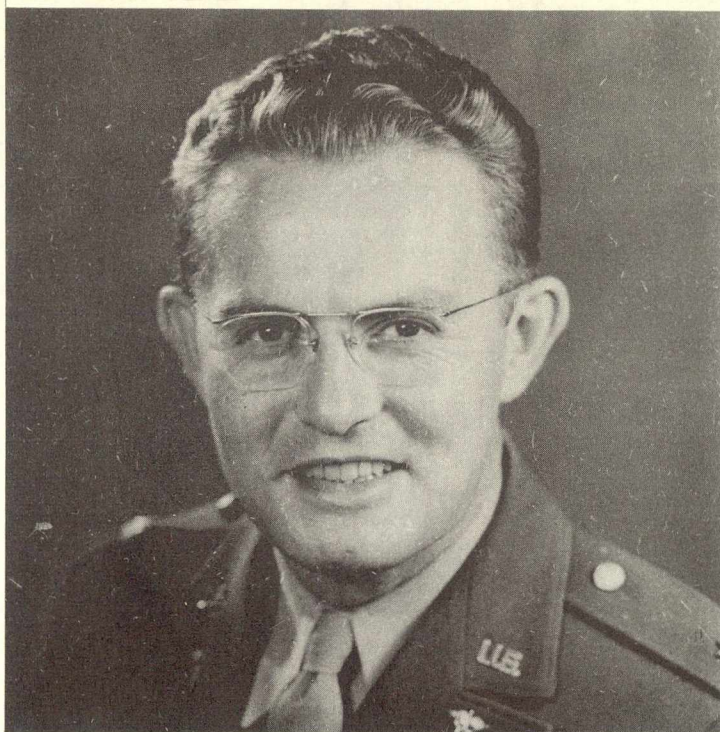
In the baggage room, located across from the new bowling alley, all sorts of interesting things may be seen. 1st/Sgt. Cooper has working with him Joseph Servent, Thomas Blake, Ralph Goodell, Harry Lawson, and Johnnie Plummer. These fellows receive patients' baggage and clothing from ships and store or ship it on by train and airplane. Patients clothing is also issued from this office.

The highly controversial Abrahms-Apostoli fight caused a lot of comment here at the hospital. Ask M/Sgt. Jim Horton if he was pleased with the outcome.

A man had been trying to write a card with the pen provided by the Post Office. After two or three ineffectual starts, he turned to a clerk at one of the windows and said: "Is this, by any chance, the pen used by John Hancock in signing the Declaration of Independence?"

The clerk replied: "Inquiries on the right, please."

LIEUT. COL. WATSON RETURNS TO LGH FOR HIS SECOND TOUR OF DUTY



Lieut. Col. RUSSELL B. WATSON, MC
Now in Out-Patient Service at LGH

Lieut. Col. Russell B. Watson, MC, whose first Army assignment was at Letterman, in 1939, is now back on his second LGH tour of duty, having recently changed his status from that of patient to member of the staff of Out-Patient Service.

Colonel Watson was born in Aitken, Minnesota, but grew up in Missoula, Montana, and received his academic education there at the University of Montana. He studied medicine at Tulane University in New Orleans, and received his M. D. in 1938. He interned here in San Francisco at the Southern Pacific Hospital, and upon completing his internship, came into the Army, in May 1939, and was assigned to the Surgical Service at Letterman. A year later he received his commission in the Regular Army.

He left Letterman in 1941 and went to Camp Robinson, Arkansas, where he was commanding officer of the 214th General Hospital for the next two years. He was then transferred to headquarters of Eighth Service Command at Dallas, Texas, and spent a year there in the surgeon's office.

Colonel Watson went overseas to China in 1945, and was first stationed in Kunming, as surgeon with the Services of Supply. After hos-

pitalities ended, he was transferred to Shanghai as commanding officer of the 172nd General Hospital. When that hospital was deactivated, he was assigned as surgeon with the station complement of the Army Advisory Group in Nanking. He says he liked China, particularly during his last year there, when his wife Maxine and their five-year-old son, Russell, Jr., were with him. However, due to the condition which Colonel Watson happily describes as "termites in the liver," he became a patient, which brought him back to Letterman again. When he recovered he was assigned to duty here. He says he is happy about the assignment because both he and Mrs. Watson like San Francisco very much.

The Watsons live on the post and at present Colonel Watson is dealing with the problem of furniture repair. It seems the family furniture got wet in some mysterious fashion on the return trip from China, and now needs some attention. However, Colonel Watson does not think this activity will lead him to develop a hobby for cabinet-making. In fact, from what he says, it looks as though his part in the enterprise is purely supervisory.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

"Waiting for the Train to Come In" might well have been the theme song of the group of HTS personnel "sweating out" the return of the cars from the eastern trip over at Oakland Pier last week. (The train was two hours late and there was an icy wind blowing through the station.)

This week's hospital list includes T/5 Robert Demster, of the "Wecord" Section at Crissy Annex. He is a patient on Ward F-1.

"Hup, tewp, thrip fore" was echoed around Crissy this week with the beginning of the detachment's latest feature in its training program. An hour of close order drill starts off each day for HTS enlisted men.

T/Sgt. Warren Kernop did a bit of aerial hitch-hiking last week, getting a ride to Los Angeles in one of the liaison planes based on the Crissy airstrip.

The advent of the rainy season had a brighter side, according to those members of the enlisted section who see the possibility of a few cancelled reveilles.

Our apologies to T/5 Harry Kelly, whose return to the outfit after a twenty day delay en route was not duly recorded in this space last week.

If those flowers and shrubs in front of the headquarters building at the HTS don't grow, it certainly won't be Aya's fault. She spends her spare moments wielding a hoe or garden hose to good advantage.

Medical Supply's loss was the dispenser's gain in the case of T/5 Leslie Mainer.

Belated congratulations to T/Sgt. and Mrs. John Cook on their second wedding anniversary, observed last Sunday.

Known as the "Minute Men," the Train Section's cagers saw their first action on the basketball court last Tuesday against Letterman's second team. A large and enthusiastic squad has been turning out for practice drills, and great things are expected of the team.

A problem for Sherlock Holmes (or some other great detective) is the mystery of where the brooms from T-247 keep disappearing to. Hint: keep an eye on certain ward-masters.

Chief of Dental Division, SGO, Here This Week

Brigadier General Thomas L. Smith, Chief of Dental Division, Office of the Surgeon General, spent two days at Letterman this week. He was particularly interested in discussing details of the internship training program for dental officers here.

On Tuesday General Smith met at luncheon with Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer; Colonel Kermit Gates, executive officer; Colonel Boyd Smith, Chief of Dental Services; Colonel Rex McDowell, Chief of Dental Service, 6th Army; Dr. Willard C. Fleming, dean of the University of California Dental School; Dr. Ernest Sloman, dean, Dental College of Physicians and Surgeons College, San Francisco, and Dr. Sanford M. Moose and Dr. Herman Becks, Letterman dental consultants.

Hospital Ship "Mercy" Arrived

The U. S. Hospital Ship "Mercy" slipped in through the dense fog on Tuesday morning with a small group of 50 patients and army dependents from the Orient. The smallness of the group did not upset the usual effort extended to place them in a hospital nearest their home. Their requests were for hospitals all over the United States, and in view of the approaching Thanksgiving holiday, plans were immediately made to fly them to their receiving hospitals in order to afford them the opportunity to be home for their turkey dinner.

This was the last ocean voyage for the USAHS "Mercy" in the Pacific. After spending a short period at Fort Mason she will set sail for duty in the Atlantic transporting patients and military dependents from Leghorn, Italy and Bremerhaven, Germany to New York.

A policeman came home and, undressing in the dark, slipped into bed. His wife roused up and said, "Clancy, would ye mind runnin' down and getting me a headache powder? Me head's splitting'."

Clancy fumbled into his clothing and complied. The druggist served him, and said, "By the way, aren't you Officer Clancy?"

Clancy nodded.

"Well then," asked the dispenser, "what are you doing in that fireman's uniform?"

Warmin' the Bench

From The Cradle to The Press Box

(AFPS)—Sports writing is one of the oldest rackets on the books. It started when Hebe presented a cup to Mercury after he won the 100 meter dash in an early Olympic game and Zeus gave Grantland Rice his first by-line for an ode he chiseled on the side of a Grecian urn. It will end when column fillers like Leo Durocher and Branch Rickey take up chess for a living. Meanwhile, whether Mike Jacobs, Unhappy Chandler and Benny the Bookie like it or not, guys like Dan Parker, Archie Ward and Bill Corum will go on living off the sweat of John Lujack's passing arm because, as John Lardner so bluntly put it, it beats working.

If a high school kid finds that he would rather get Stretch Blackwell's autograph than have the Old Man sign his report card, he should buy a dictionary and learn to spell "sensational" and "terrific." He should memorize the *Who's Who in Baseball* from "Appling, Lucius" through "Zuber, William," and then become a sports writer. When he later learns three different ways to say "Joe Socko is another Stanley Ketchel," and can recite Rule 7, Paragraph B, of the official yachting rules, this year's changes included, he can become a good sports writer. And if someone asks him to name the Seven Blocks of Granite and he says, without hesitation, "Jacunski, Barbartsky, Pierce, Wojciechowicz, Lombardi, Franco and Paquin," and then adds that Lombardi is no relation of baseball's Ernie or Vic, he becomes an expert.

Two Books That Should Be Read

During the course of his development it is essential that the novice study two text books. The first, entitled "How To Lose Friends While Influencing People," is written especially for sports writers who would enter the fields of sports promotion or public relations. It deals with the disheartening process of gaining publicity for an athletic event on one hand, while simultaneously trying to distribute some 50 working press ducats to hundreds of writers, politicians, relatives and friends. This is not recommended to the weak in spirit who shy from Agatha Christy, Dashell Hammet or Westbrook Pegler.

The other necessity is a pamphlet, well written but thin, called "How To Bite The Hand That Feeds You." The author of this one sits ringside, for free, at big fights. Then he writes reams on the unfairness of the prices paid by John Q. Youknowho, who squints from the last row of the gallery.

The sports writer must also study prestidigitation, card tricks and magic. Through his hokus-pokus he must annually cause unsuspecting sophomores to be branded forever as "immortal fullbacks," or some other such nonsense. Every Fall he must cause insignificant games to be echoed across the nation as "upsets of the century." And the spoken words of inarticulate fight managers and illiterate pugs, under the wand of the sports writer, must become readable, even profound. Presto Jimmy Cannon is a master of the latter art.

Toots Shore's, That "Reliable Source"

Sports writers themselves must never participate in athletics. They must gain their experience through the reading of Ring Lardner, Hype Igo, Heywood Broun or Damon Runyon. They must always look a gift horse in the molar, because it is heresy to accept anything except free tickets without criticism. And they must be absolutely certain that even the most casual remark, if made *anywhere* in the vicinity of Mr. Toots Shore's beanery, is relayed immediately to readers everywhere. Here readers are again referred to Mr. Cannon.

There is but one additional rule which must be adhered to by all members of the profession. Perhaps the most important of all, its origin is obscure. Some say it started when fellow suffragists tried to get Carrie Chapman Catt elected Commissioner of Baseball. Others suggest that it went into effect after Percy Haughton sent Mati Hari up the Hudson to scout the Army. But, whatever the origin, it is still the hard and fast rule. No matter what the circumstances, never, never shall any ladies be admitted to the press box.

MORE WACS WANTED FOR PACIFIC

Washington (AFPS)—The Army wants more WACs in Pacific stations, Col. Mary A. Hallaren, WAC staff director said on returning from a tour of the Far East.

She stated that more WAC personnel are needed at points where WACs already are on duty, as well as on islands where none have yet been assigned.

Col. Hallaren said commanders

in Pacific posts told her the WACs were doing such fine work where they are assigned, that their services could not be spared.

Many commanders, according to Col. Halloran, have submitted advance requisitions for Regular Army WACs, contingent on passage of the integration bill to establish a permanent WAC as part of the Regular Army.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Architecture had its origin with primitive man who blocked up the mouth of his cave with stones to protect himself against the dangers to his life and the elements. Gradually as the social and economic status of man changed, so did his requirements of shelter. Men built walls, castles, and cities. Decoration was introduced to dwellings and it became not only an engineering process but an art. Today architecture ranks among the highest arts and one which demands great skill.

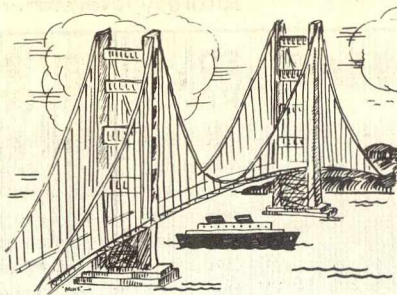
In 1940 over 20,000 individuals were thus employed, of whom 500 were women. Because of definite ability limitations, this is not a profession that attracts large numbers of persons. The architect must have a ready imagination, an innate sense of beauty and proportion, an analytical mind, and the ability to visualize vividly.

It is agreed that a broad cultural and technical education is essential to success. Nearly all architects begin by getting a professional degree in a school of architecture upon completion of the four to five year course. Following this, the person goes to work as a draftsman or a letterer. Then with more experience he begins to elevate himself to the full fledged architect's job.

Architects who specialize in certain fields seem to be the most progressive and promising of the profession. Residences, industrial buildings, commercial buildings, institutions (schools, hospitals, sanatoria), public assembly structures (theatres, churches, stadia), public buildings and structures (bridges, dams, post offices), transportation structures (air, bus, ship, and rail terminals), site and community planning (shopping centers, housing developments, recreation and park areas) constitute the main fields of the profession.

USAFI offers several courses to aid in the preparation for this work. They are: Freehand Drawing; Practical Projection; Specifications, Estimating, and Contracts; Structural Engineering; Strength of Materials; Integral Calculus; and Art through the Ages.

For further information concerning this and other professions, call or come to the Educational Reconditioning Office Bldg. 1039, Ex 4403.



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New Army Film "The Miracle of Living" Shown Here

Patient and duty personnel of Letterman this week saw the Army's newly-released training film, "The Miracle of Living," which was shown by Information & Education Branch on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in the YMCA auditorium. With this film the Army is launching an intensive program to raise the moral and ethical standards of the service.

This film forms the basis of orientation in the new program. It is designed to aid in the control of venereal disease, but approaches the subject from a new point of view.

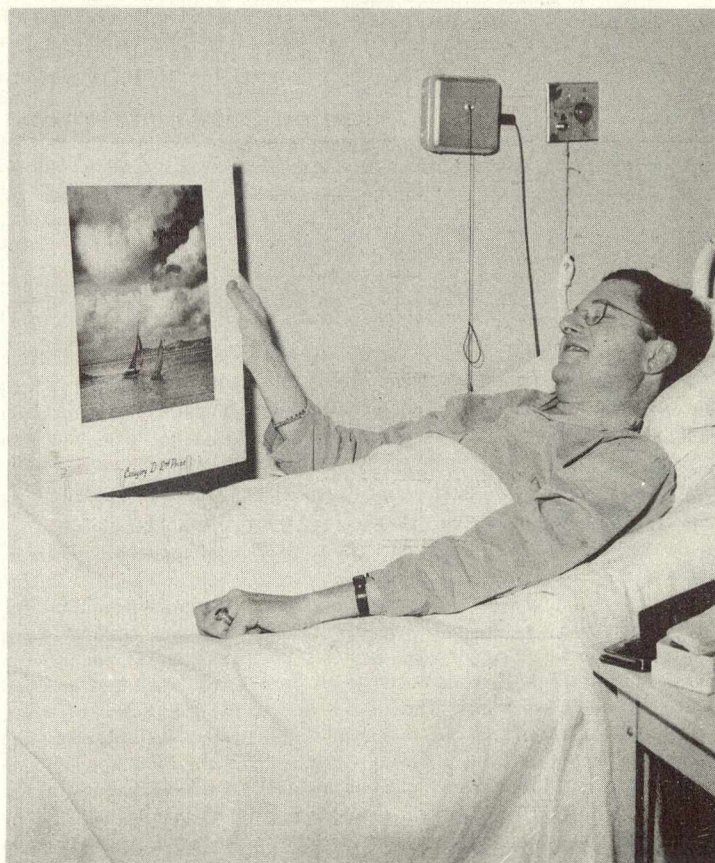
The objective of the program is to increase the self-respect and sense of responsibility of the individual soldier. The approach will be partially through regulation and directive, but more largely through educational media.

The Army hopes that in addition to increasing the soldier's sense of responsibility to himself, his family and the nation, the new program will also give impetus to recruiting, attracting a high type of individual to military service.

"The Miracle of Living" is a social hygiene film which has been produced as an appeal to conscience, love of home, love of family and to the family as a human institution. It depicts the family as something so worthy of faith, hope and allegiance that no member of the military establishment would have any desire to deviate from the ideals of conduct which the family encourages and demands. Further, it stresses the value of continence, self-discipline and the rewards which accompany these factors. The film tells the story of how a former soldier's family was wrecked by his continence and lack of control.

The Department of the Army has designated this as a basic training film which will be shown at all

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PRIZE-WINNING PICTURE
Captain Eric A. Vogt, patient on ward B-1, with his picture
"Storm Clouds," which won him second prize in the Sixth
Army photography contest.

SIXTH ARMY PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Captain Eric A. Vogt of San Francisco, patient on ward B-1, won second prize in the Sixth Army photography contest. Captain Vogt is a bed patient, so the prize, a handsome Waltham wrist watch, was presented to him on the ward this week by Lieut. Col. Russell B. Cabot, Sixth Army Special Services officer.

He won the prize for his picture "Storm Clouds," taken at the entrance to the Marina yacht harbor. The picture shows two small sailing

craft entering the harbor, against an impressive background of massed clouds. Captain Vogt says he was happily surprised to learn he had won an award, and very glad to get the watch, because the one he had went all through the war with him and took quite a beating.

Captain Vogt was wounded while overseas during the war. He served on Leyte and Okinawa. He is at present recovering from what he hopes is the last of a series of operations.

Military, Civilian, Doctors "Blowing Taps" for "Flu"

(AFPS) — "Allergic to eggs?" That question, asked in a dull monotone, may well have been your introduction to the "Influenza" or "Cold" shot. With little meaning to the file of men waiting to be inoculated, the question actually comes by way of many years research on one of the more stubborn medical problems of our time.

Influenza is an advanced stage of the common cold. No completely effective method of combating this disorder has ever been discovered, despite "all out" research by the world's leading medical scientists since 1933 when the germ causing this disease was discovered.

The military has worked hand in hand with the medics in the attempt to eliminate that common entry on the sick-book, "Flu." They have been rewarded recently with a fairly effective immunization.

Army and Navy personnel have been utilized since 1943 in conducting "effectiveness tests" with new serums as they were developed. Service trainees proved excellent subjects for these tests due to the possibility of controlling the personnel, and because of the good cross-section of individuals obtainable for testing.

The first advances had been made a few years earlier while experimenting with the ferret, a little animal belonging to the weasel family, who, it seems, also catches colds. It was found that serum from a convalescent animal tended to neutralize the infecting power of the germ. The principle also applied to humans. Further advances were made by variation and concentration of the serum.

Medical science realizes that it is advancing in the battle with the influenza germ, although aware that many questions must be answered before the perfect immunization is discovered.

Special Services Specializes in the "Spectacular"

The Special Services program at Letterman accents entertainment for patients and duty personnel. There is a continuous program of shows and sports events for the diversion of those who are interested. Stated officially, Special Services activities are those in which "patients and duty personnel participate strictly on a voluntary basis."

Special Services has recently been made a Division of the Department of the Army, and Brigadier General Russell B. Reynolds, who heads the division, has set one goal for Special Services—to continue exploring every channel of soldier interest to provide the best off-duty recreational program possible.

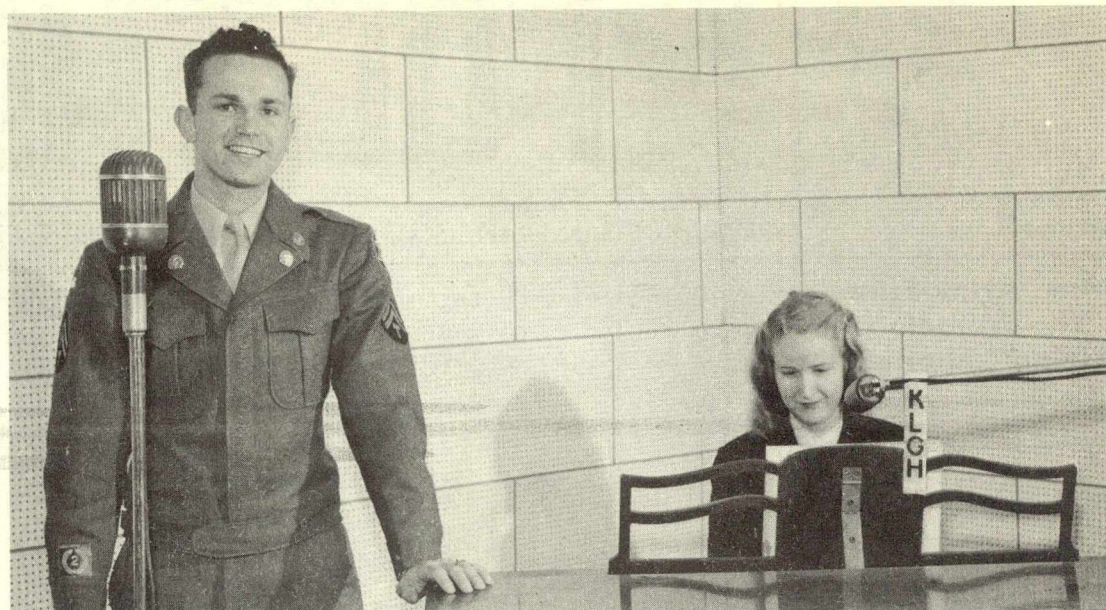
Here at Letterman the program now includes off-post trips, ward shows, USO shows, movies, and athletic activities. Funds for these activities come from the Hospital Fund, the Central Post Fund, the Unit Fund and the Headquarters Fund.

Chief of Special Services Branch at LGH is First Lieut. Oliver Rajala, under whose supervision the programs are arranged. Patients and duty personnel are kept informed about activities by two means—a weekly radio broadcast over KLGH every Monday morning at 9:45, and daily and weekly mimeographed schedules distributed to the wards and to the detachment office.

T/5 George Norris, entertainment specialist with Special Services, writes the script for the radio program "Special Services Specialties," sings on the show, and acts as announcer. Other Lettermanites featured on the show are Betty and Shirley Strunk and Harriet Baken, music instructor from Educational Reconditioning.

Helen Hoffman of Special Services is responsible for the attractive posters and announcements which tell about forthcoming programs.

Movies are shown five times a week under the auspices of Special Services. There are two shows at the Recreation Center and one at the Crissy Theatre. The shows are on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 6 and 8 p. m. at the Recreation Center, and at 6:30 at Crissy. Master Sergeant Chauncey D. Young and Cpl. Fred H. Haney are the projectionists. The first show at the Recreation Center is for patients and their dependents,



"SPECIAL SERVICES SPECIALTIES"

T/5 George Norris and Miss Betty Strunk of Special Services doing their weekly broadcast over KLGH. They are heard every Monday morning at 9:45, entertaining with songs and telling about "Special Services Specialties" for the coming week. T/5 Norris, entertainment specialist, writes the script and sings on the program.

and school age children of duty personnel are also admitted to this showing. The second show is for patients and duty personnel and their dependents.

The branch also has in operation eight self-projecting movie machines, which are moved from ward to ward as the need arises. These work like juke-boxes, and patients may press a button and see a short feature. They do differ from juke boxes in this respect—no nickel is necessary. Reels are changed twice each week.

Off-post trips, for which transportation is provided by the Army, constitute a big Special Services feature. They include trips to practically every theatrical and sports event in San Francisco—plays, radio programs, football games, ice hockey, boxing and wrestling matches, mid-gut auto racing and horse racing. One of the off-post trips most popular with the patients are those to Bay Meadows race track, where Manager William P. Kyne not only provides free admission to the track but also a delicious hot meal before the races start.

Ward shows come to Letterman twice weekly, on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, when the Hospitalized Veterans Entertainment Com-

mittee brings top theatrical and night club talent to the hospital for the diversion of the bed patients. Mrs. Roy Arnold and Mrs. Lucille Wollenberg, committeewoman for HVEC, have been bringing these shows to the hospital for several years, and have been instrumental in securing the top talent of stage, radio and screen to entertain the patients. On two Mondays of each month, HVEC stages shows in the auditorium of the Army YMCA. The USO shows, which of late have been specially popular, also come to the "Y" twice each month.

Special Services is responsible for the operation of the L-101, which makes trips five days each week. On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, the boat goes on fishing trips, leaving at 9:30 and returning at 3:30. On Saturdays and Sundays sightseeing trips around the Bay leave at 9:00 a. m. and 1:00 p. m. In addition to these trips Captain Louis Ritlaw and Engineer Walter Brunnegroff have volunteered their services for special early-morning trips to fish for salmon and bass outside the Golden Gate. Two of the men on duty with Special Services act as deck hands on these trips—Pfc. Harry Earl and Pvt. George Osieczanek. Pfc. Earl will be dis-

charged shortly and his place is being taken by Pvt. Everett Phillips.

A tackle house is maintained at Crissy Pier, where patients and duty personnel may obtain free tackle and bait for fishing from the pier. First Sgt. James T. Meeks is custodian of the equipment, and is also responsible for the fishing equipment used on the L-101. The tackle house is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Athletic activities of Special Services include softball, ping-pong, golf, and basketball. The LGH softball team had a very successful season this year, winning the Bay Area Armed Services championship and the Sixth Army softball championship. The team was managed by First Lieut. Raimon Lehman of Special Services, and captained by Pfc. Fred Lindsey.

Lettermanites also won the Sixth Army ping-pong championship award. S/Sgt. Leslie Harvey and Sgt. Frank Cornell played for LGH.

The third sixth Army championship to go to Letterman was won by LGH golfers—1st Lieut. Oliver Rajala, Cpl. Arthur Miller, T/5 William Doan and Pfc. Fred Lindsey. Lieut. Rajala placed third in the medal play

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



NIGHT--
One of the formals modeled at the California -
to - Paris fashion show which came to Letter-
man last week. This rated a lot of applause.



--AND DAY
Costume for tennis worn at the fashion show.
Need it be said that this got even more applause?



ANTICIPATORY SMILES

Are in evidence at the Special Services sign - up desk in the East Hospital Service Club as Sgt. Paul Jobe of ward 40 and Sgt. John M. Janes of ward 43 get their Football Scoreboard cards from T-Sgt. Maxinino Tabora. Naturally both are hoping to win the radio.



LETTERMAN TROPHIES

T-5 Lee Stein and Lieut. Raimon Lehman of Special Services smile over the trophy table in the Special Services office. Letterman teams have won many a championship in many a sport.

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EDITORIAL

BUYING HEALTH

This week marks the beginning of the annual appeal for funds by the Tuberculosis Association. This is the only appeal for financial support made by the association. Each year Christmas Seals suitable for use on holiday mail are sent out nationally, with a request for a contribution of \$1 for each 100 seals.

The money realized from the sale of the seals is used to further the efforts of the association to prevent spread of tuberculosis through the most modern techniques of education and to find cases in the early stages through mass chest X-rays.

Statistics show that a new case of the disease is reported every hour in California, and a death every 2 1/4 hours, according to the California Tuberculosis and Health Association. Because infection of others is held to a minimum, and persons with tuberculosis are most readily cured when cases are found in the early stages, chest X-rays have proved of inestimable value.

The 1947 Christmas seal was designated by Raymond Lufkin, an artist well known for his War Bond posters. It pictures a team of oxen drawing a load of Christmas trees over a snow-covered field while a woodsman urges them on. This year's slogan is "Christmas Seals Are Your Good Wishes Put to Good Work."



Two new arrivals were welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps staff this week, both returning to the Army from civilian life. They are 1st Lieut. Mary Cox of Osceola, Arkansas, and 2d Lieut. Ruby Poff of Knoxville, Tennessee. Both girls served at hospitals in the South during the war, and both were at Finney General Hospital at Thomasville, Georgia, for a time.

The Thanksgiving dance held Wednesday evening at the Nurses' Recreation Hall was a big success. Music for the occasion was by Eddie Harkness and his band.

The former Lieut. Odbierzychleb, now Mrs. Jean Vivas, recently entertained Major Carrie Barrett and Captain Dorothy Looby at dinner. This week she was busy preparing to cook her first Thanksgiving dinner for her husband.

First Lieut. Muriel Davidson is back from leave, and has volunteered for overseas duty in the ETO.

First Lieut. Mary Paine Williams of Physical Therapy and her husband spent Thanksgiving at Ceres, California, with Lieut. Williams' family.

On the sick list are Major Anne Pilegard, who is sick in quarters; 1st Lieut. Mary I. O'Donnell, who is a patient in the hospital, and 1st Lieut. Dorothy Donovan, who is on convalescent leave.

First Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff was a guest at the cocktail party given last week at the Presidio Officers' Club by Major Luther, General Mark Clark's aide.

First Lieut. Leath Shaffer enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the home of her sister in San Bruno.

Unless we are prepared to search our souls to discover what to say, and then how to say it effectively, we cannot expect to deal successfully with today's domestic and personal problems, not to mention those international issues on which our very lives depend.—Everett Case.

Your contribution will help this work of buying back health.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Lillian Ferguson of Finance Office is the proud owner of a new maroon Ford. She acquired it during a brief stay in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Who knows, maybe new Fords are more plentiful there?

It will be a vacation of indefinite duration for Pat McCall after she bids good-bye to EENT Section. Pat's husband, Lieut. McCall, is leaving shortly for a new assignment in Hawaii.

"Ace" Guth of ward B-1 has been nursing a badly injured toe for the past week. There is no report as to whether the injury was incurred in line of duty.

Maggie Trumpour and Lillian Taylor are both sporting smart new green suits that definitely have that "new look."

Mary Ivory of Civilian Personnel is still recuperating after last Saturday's Big Game. Yes, she was rooting for Stanford.

Jeannette Powers gave an early Thanksgiving dinner at her home last Saturday night. The occasion was a farewell party for two about-to-be-discharged detachment men—T/5 Robert Flynn and T/5 Richard Aguilar.

Gloria Crisafulli of Officers' Personnel is back at her desk after a week's bout with the flue, and this week Rita Jenicek is on the sick list.

James Sharp of the Finance Office, who until recently lived in downtown San Francisco, has moved to Berkeley. He says he finds being able to sleep without the disturbing noises incident to a busy arterial highway most unusual and entirely satisfactory. The commuting he does not mention.

Newcomers recently welcomed to Letterman include Venita Watts of X-ray Laboratory; Ella Winston, Laboratory Service; Violet Maas, Occupational Therapy; Quentin Lawson, Laundry; Rosalind Wong, Detachment of Patients; Dorothy Fleigler, Occupational Therapy.

History is made day by day, every day at all hours. Its greatness does not lie ever in the will to make the past live forever, but, on the contrary, in the aptitude to transform the past into an active present and to lay firmly upon its premises a better and more solid future.—Miguel Aleman.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 30 November, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE POST THEATRE:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Thanksgiving At Letterman

On the wards and in the mess halls at Letterman, Thanksgiving was observed in the traditional manner with turkey and all the fixings at noon, and later in the day open house was held at the Army YMCA, with special diversions for the occasion.

Tables and trays at the hospital were festive with Thanksgiving decorations in brown and orange. The tables held "Horn of Plenty" centerpieces filled with fruits, and the Thanksgiving menus were printed in ready-for-mailing-home folders. On the menu: Tomato juice cocktail, roast tom turkey with oyster dressing and giblet gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered asparagus, cranberry sauce, celery hearts, radishes, stuffed olives, mince and pumpkin pie, ice cream, candy and nuts, with cigars and cigarettes to top off the meal.

At the "Y," refreshments were served at 5 p. m., an informal dance began at 8, and there was a musical program by Lucy Armand, followed by a community sing with Vera.

Wedding Bells

First Lieutenant Adele L. Duke, MSC, acting chief of Educational Reconditioning Branch, became the bride of George D. Montean of San Francisco last Sunday in a quiet ceremony in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Montean then surprised their friends by making the announcement of their wedding at a Thanksgiving party on Thursday. The friends, who suspected only that the couple might announce their engagement that day, were thoroughly surprised to learn the news.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARGARET BELL
Technical Sergeant

Last week T/Sgt. Margaret Bell celebrated an anniversary. On 22 November she completed four years service in the WAC, and she has liked her work in the Corps so well that she hopes to remain in the WAC if the bill is passed which will make it a part of the Regular Army.

Margaret was born in Baltimore, Md., and before she joined the WAC worked in Baltimore as a dental assistant and dental x-ray technician. After joining the WAC in 1943, she went to Des Moines for basic training, and then, because of her dental experience, was assigned to duty at Camp Carson, Colo. At that time Colonel Boyd Smith, now Chief of Dental Service at LGH, was at Camp Carson, and when Margaret came to Letterman this month she was happy to find that she was again assigned to Colonel Smith's department.

While she was at Camp Carson, she received the Army Commendation Ribbon for "outstanding x-ray work on patients returning from overseas." She was the only member of the WAC detachment at Camp Carson who received this honor.

After 33 months duty in Colorado, Margaret went overseas, and was first stationed in Caserta, Italy, at the Dental Clinic in the dispensary there. While there she also worked in pharmacy for six months. Later she was in Leghorn, Italy with the 61st Station Hospital. She had left the States on 18 October 1946, and exactly one year later, on 18 October 1947, she sailed for home. After a furlough which she spent at home in Baltimore with her family, she was assigned to Letterman.

While overseas she visited several Italian cities, including Rome, Florence, Venice, Sorrento and Naples, and also went to Switzerland.

Margaret enjoys dancing and hiking in her free time, and says

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Paul Carricero entertains his visitors in the O. T. Shop rather than on Ward 27. Paul's wife and baby seem to enjoy watching him do leather work in the diversional O. T.

Michael Gahar smiles all over. Genial Mike received a \$500 bonus check from his home state, Michigan. It will really make his Christmas a merry one.

The patients on E-2 are all for initiating a petition to gain the serving of beer with their meals. It may be a good idea, but somehow it appears rather doubtful that they will win out.

Guy C. Dickey is one man that doesn't let grass grow under his feet. Watching the fashion show on Ward D-2 Dickey approached one model with, "I'd like to have you for Christmas." The answer?—"O.K." Was he surprised, and he did get a date, too. On the same ward, at the same time lay a man sound asleep, Ted Reed—be there a man with heart so cold. It took a girl in a bathing suit to awaken him.

Leon Peerboom finished his 60-day furlough in grand style. He left his new automobile in a snow bank somewhere in northern British Columbia. He'll have to wait for another leave, to say nothing of the spring thaws before he can get it back. Didn't seem to slow him down a mite. A half hour after he was back he was in the nearest phone booth and was overheard saying "I'm back in town and will give you just an hour to clear the Navy out."

Mrs. Josephine Oles, a patient on Ward N-1, is regarded as one of San Francisco's better artists. Her first attempt at oil painting was done here in Letterman's O. T. Shop and she is now doing very well.

"Pappy" Jim Hood would be a good advertisement for Pepsodent now. He has just received a new issue of teeth, after being without for several months. "Pappy" resides on Ward 28 and is best known for his Santa Claus tendencies. He has already sent several Christmas boxes to his young nieces and nephews.

she also likes shopping. With Christmas in the offing, she will have plenty of reason for the latter, and we wish her good hunting.

Bill Thomasson and Jim Ford, the industrious gents on Ward D-2 who drank the "coke" machine dry last week end, are going to do it again this week. So if any other patients want some refreshment they had better draw it early.

Bill Davis, Ward B-2, is certain he would have won the radio this week if he had only been around to turn in his football scorecard. Maybe so, Bill, maybe so.

James Buckner heads the theological discussions held on Ward F-1 in the evenings. He does a very good job and it is appreciated by his fellow patients.

One of the Presidio's football players ended up in the hospital after the team took a terrific beating from Alameda Naval Air Station. LeRoy Hessler was playing right tackle when he injured his knee in the game that ended with a score of 55-0. Hessler is now on Ward D-1.

Tables were reversed this last week when the Red Cross gave a shower for a father, David Ochoa, the proud and lucky man, was showered on Ward D-2 a day after his baby was born in this hospital. For more of the vital statistics check the Stork Column.

The scenery around Letterman General has been well looked over this past week by the owners of those new binoculars that were put on sale for the patients by the War Assets Administration.

Any patient who finds time weighing heavy on his hands might go down to the O. T. Shop and make toys for children's Christmas gifts. There is many an unfortunate child that would appreciate it. The plans and materials are available, all that is needed is the effort.

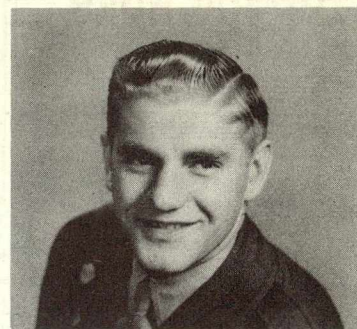
No More "Free"
Mail After 31 Dec.

"Free" letters for service personnel will go out with 1947. Starting at 0001 hours on 1 January 1948, the Post Office Department has ruled, the free mailing privilege of service personnel will have terminated.

If you've been putting off your letter writing do it soon and save on postage.

"I'm stork mad," said the father of 15 children.

ON THE SPOT



LE ROY HESSLER
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 Le Roy Hessler entered the Army last January. Prior to that time he worked at various jobs about his home, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The job he found most interesting was driving a truck and operating a combine during harvest season. The crew he was with followed the wheat crops from Kansas on through Nebraska, the Dakotas, Montana, and north to Canada.

Hessler joined the Army the same day as his cousin, George Margheim. They received their basic training together at Fort Lewis, Washington, and were transferred to Letterman last March. Hessler now works in the Educational Reconditioning Office and his cousin is assigned to Physical Medicine. Both are clerk typists.

T/5 Hessler intends to go to the University of Nebraska following his discharge from the Army. He has aspiration of some day being elected to an All-American football team. In the meantime he is keeping up on his football practice by playing right tackle for the Presidio team, a member of the Sixth Army Conference. Popular, 6 foot, 190 pound Hessler is an all around athlete. His other favorite sports are swimming, baseball, and horseback riding.

The time that T/5 Hessler doesn't spend at sports, he utilizes very wisely by studying; in an effort to prepare himself further for college. He was recently presented with a wonderful opportunity to study, having been hospitalized with an injured knee following a football game with Alameda Naval Air Station. He hopes to be up and able to play in the next game.

T/5 Hessler's favorite likes are sports and good food. His pet peeve is people who stand and watch him type.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Hospital Train personnel should be on the lookout for the December issue of "Western Star," the Sixth Army newspaper, which is reported to contain an illustrated article on this organization.

There has been no little speculation on the subject of whether or not the automobile (?) recently purchased by T/5 James Johnson will move under its own power. It shouldn't be too much longer now until the question is settled, as the pieces are being put back together again.

The "Minute Men" played another pre-season practice game last Monday, this time against the Fort Scott basketball team.

WOJG William A. Love finally received the long-awaited orders to report to Camp Stoneman for shipment to Korea, and almost immediately hit the road for Texas in his new Kaiser automobile.

Pfc. Frank Videnick was plenty glad to see the laundry come in this week. Those white trousers are rather chilly on cold mornings, we hear.

Back from his delay in Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania this week was T/5 James Szelinski, who reported that it was plenty cold in that part of the country.

Volleyball players of the Enlisted Section got out the rule book this week, and after a few practice sessions, were ready to challenge the first worthy opponents that came along.

T/3 James Peyton passed out a box of cigars last week, celebrating the recent blessed event. Jim is taking a thirty day furlough to get acquainted with the new member of the family.

Mrs. Robert L. Whitfield, wife of this organization's former commanding officer, dropped in at the Officer's Club this week. She is on her way to join the colonel, who is now on duty in China. Mrs. Whitfield expects to fly to the Orient via Hawaii.

Captain Wyman Taylor was back at his desk at the Maintenance Branch this week after a brief period of TDY at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

Latest work of art at Crissy: T/5 Paul Lynch's sign in front of detachment headquarters in the dispensary building.

FOR CAPTAIN PORTER NURSING IS NOT A DUTY—IT'S A PLEASURE



Captain RUTH SCOTT PORTER, ANC
She did get back to California

Captain Ruth Porter, ANC, has been at Letterman since June, and during that time she has made many friends among both patients and duty personnel. They appreciate her charming friendly personality and her ready sense of humor.

When Captain Porter was doing civilian nursing, she was at a Fresno hospital for a short time, and decided then that she would like some day to come back to California. It took quite some time to accomplish, because a war intervened, but even the well-advertised blandishments of Florida, where she lived for a year, didn't change her mind, and she requested assignment to Letterman and finally did get back to California.

Captain Porter was born in Nelsonville, Ohio, but her home is now in Columbus. She received her training as a nurse at Mount Carmel Hospital there, and later did industrial nursing there, leaving her home state only for the above-mentioned brief time in Fresno.

She became a member of the Army Nurse Corps in September 1943

and went to Billings General Hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, for her basic Army training. She was then assigned to duty at Billings until the following January, when she went to Martinsburg, West Virginia to help set up Newton D. Baker General Hospital. She was there for more than two years, until June 1946, when she went to Pratt General Hospital at Coral Gables, Florida. She remained at Pratt until the hospital closed last June, then came to Letterman. She was first on duty on ward P, and is now assigned to ward N-1.

Captain Porter says she enjoys nursing, and she finds she likes San Francisco very much. When she arrived here she found that she already knew two of the nurses on duty at LGH, First Lieut. Lora Browning and First Lieut. Mildred Roark.

For diversion Captain Porter likes bowling and reading, with special emphasis on the former. She has bowled on several leagues, and is looking forward to the opening of the new bowling alley here at Letterman.

MORE ABOUT SPECIAL SERVICES

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tournament and match play tournament and was selected to represent the Sixth Army team that participated in the all-Army tournament at Fort Benning, Georgia. The team finished sixth out of 52 teams.

At present a basketball team is being organized to represent LGH during the coming season. The team is being coached by M/Sgt. Carus Hicks of the Letterman gym, and will be managed by Lieut. Lehman.

Special Services will also be active in the new bowling alley which will open soon on the post. The activity is under the jurisdiction of Captain H. C. Bailey of Physical Reconditioning, and Special Services personnel will assist in its operation. T/Sgt. Herbert Sanders will be the NCO in charge.

During the football season Special Services have had an extra special feature through the courtesy of Ira Blue, Sports Editor of KGO, the Philco Corporation and the J. M. Long Co. of San Francisco—the Football Scoreboard contest. Each week a radio has been awarded to the person who correctly predicted the winners in the football games being played throughout the U. S. that week. Both patients and duty personnel have been among the winners.

T/5 Lee Stein is chief clerk of Special Services office and Pfc. Harry Sagar maintains the sign-and poster-painting department.

Those who wish to sign up for Special Services activities may now do so at the East Hospital Service Club, where M/Sgt. James Malone and Pfc. Fred Lindsey are on duty.

MORE ABOUT NEW ARMY FILM

(Continued from Page 1)

reception stations, particularly to new recruits, at officer candidate schools and civilian components of the Army.

Premiere of "The Miracle of Living" was at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where a check will be made 30 days after the first showing to gauge its effect. The film cost \$80,000 to produce, and will be made available to civilian agencies through the U. S. Public Health Service.

MEDICAL DETACH

M/Sgt. Leland Lee returned recently from Washington, D. C. where he has been working with the War Man Power Analysis Commission. The sergeant is now working with Military Personnel.

Three new Special Servicers assigned a short while ago were John Cella, Earl Piercey, and Everett Philipps.

M/Sgt. Ernest Allen, who for quite some time was stationed here at Letterman in the Registrar's Office, has been doing a great deal of fishing down Tampa, Florida way. Here's wishing retired Sergeant Allen lots of good fishing and hunting.

You have probably noticed the new home of the detachment orderly room. It is situated above supply with an excellent view of the surrounding territory!

A look into the Message Center reveals Okey Coleman, Tony Tangora, Edwin Richman, and Wac Dorothy Gustafson. A more congenial group of people was never assembled. Daily they are busy sorting, distributing and mimeographing.

Monday afternoon our Presidio eleven played the team from Alameda Naval Air Station at Alameda. The score, when tallied, was 57-0 (or close to that).

The Alameda team, long engaged in practice, fielded some very fine teams during the war. They scored on long runs, long passes, and some intercepted forwards. At the time of writing this column, our men have yet to play Camp Stoneman on Thanksgiving Day and the Fremont Athletic Club of Oakland, Sunday 30 November. May we wish them luck, pure and simple, and a hearty thanks for their concerted efforts.

An old man was crossing a busy intersection when a large St. Bernard dog scrambled past him and knocked him over. The next instant an Austin car skidded around the corner inflicting more serious bruises.

Bystanders helped him to his feet and someone asked if the dog had hurt him much.

"Well, not exactly," was the reply, "but that can tied to his tail sure did some damage."

HE REALLY DOESN'T REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME HE CAME TO LETTERMAN



Master Sergeant JESSE A. WOODWARD, JR.
Chief Clerk, Military Personnel Branch

If the long arm of coincidence had a long enough reach, Master Sergeant Jesse A. Woodward, Jr., would be working in Room 201 of the Administration Building at Letterman, because that's where he was born. However, he's fairly close to the scene, performing his duties as Chief Clerk of Military Personnel Branch just one floor up.

Coming from a traditionally Army family—his father, Lieut. Jesse A. Woodward, Sr., is a veteran of the Spanish-American war — Sgt. Woodward grew up on Army posts in various parts of the United States and in Honolulu and Panama. After he left school he worked for Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company for a year, but decided not to break the family tradition, and joined the Army in 1926. After four years at Fort MacArthur with the Coast Artillery, he transferred to the Medical Department and came to Letterman in 1930.

He was here until 1935, when he did something which he now regrets. He became a civilian. This month Sgt. Woodward completed 14 years in the Army. "But if I hadn't been a civilian from 1935 until 1942, it would be 21 years this month," he says sadly. He spent the seven years away from the Army in the restaurant business.

In June 1942 he again became an Army man, and was first assigned to duty at Camp Barkley, Texas. Shortly afterward he went to Camp Carson, Colo., for training for overseas duty with the Third Army. From then until May 1945, when he did go overseas to Okinawa, his life was a succession of duty stations where he arrived on overseas orders and remained to work at other tasks. He was at Camp Stoneman, at a PW camp in Idaho; Camp Ellis, Ill.; and Nichols General Hospital in Louisville, Ky., before his departure for Okinawa. He also served in Korea and Japan while overseas. After his return to the States in January 1946, he requested assignment to Letterman and came here the following June.

Sgt. Woodward and his wife La-Netta will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve. They own their own home in the Sunset here in San Francisco. Mrs. Woodward is also a Lettermanite, and works in Payroll Branch.

Sgt. Woodward enjoys sports, and played baseball, volley ball and tennis for LGH during his previous tour of duty here. He was on the volley ball team that won the Ninth Corps Area championship in 1934.

Current Federal Examinations

The Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for the positions listed below. Further information regarding requirements of training and education may be obtained from the Civilian Personnel office, Room 201, LGH Administration Building.

Chemist - Engineer - Librarian - Physicist Metallurgist - Mathematician - Psychologist. Each of these carries a salary of \$2644 a year, and the positions will be at activities within the Potomac River Naval Command and activities under the jurisdiction of participating Navy Department Boards of U. S. Civil Service Examinations. Closing date for applications is 16 December 1947.

Chemist - Analytical, Biochemical, Inorganic, Organic, and Physical. \$3397 through \$7102 a year. Place of employment — various Federal agencies in the States of California, Arizona and Nevada. Applications due by 4 December 1947.

Engineers - Agricultural, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Irrigation, Mechanical. \$2644 a year, for positions in western States. Closing date for applications, 8 December 1947.

Hearing Examiners, ..\$4902 ..to \$9975 a year. For appointment in Washington, D. C., and throughout the U. S. No closing date for applications.

Library

A potential best seller is Mabel Seeley's "Woman of Property." Money, money, money is the theme, and the merciless dissection of the character of a woman for whom money became God. She lied, cheated, and seduced to get it, only to wind up with her selfish children, her vast but meaningless properties, and an empty life. In the beginning her desire is an understandable thing, however it grows to such an overpowering obsession that it conquers even the once genuine love she had. The middle-west of the early 1900's is the background. In the Library.

Pfc: "Your girl is spoiled, isn't she?"

Pvt.: "No, it's just that perfume she's wearing."

"There's a fella who's going places."

"Yeah? Ambitious?"

"No. His wife's out of town."

VA Checkup to Speed Payment Of Subsistence

In an effort to speed payment of subsistence allowances to the record number of World War II veterans studying in colleges and universities this fall, Veterans Administration will continue to send representatives to all schools each month to make direct checkups with the students.

The program, which started in March, 1946, is designed to aid those veterans who do not receive their subsistence checks on time by providing priority handling of each such case to expedite payment.

During the second week of each month, starting in November, a VA representative will visit each school in which veterans are enrolled. Student-veterans will be advised in advance of the time and place the VA representative can be seen.

In each case where subsistence payments are overdue, the VA representative will record the necessary identifying information and relay it immediately to the regional office handling the veteran's accounts. All regional office personnel involved in clearing the case will give priority to the claim until the veteran receives his check.

Were You in The 78th or The 2D?

A copy of "Lightning; History of the 78th Infantry Division" has been presented to the library, a gift of the division veterans association. Full of pictures—are you there? An honor roll, and lists of those who received various awards are given at end of book.

If you were in the 2d Division, 23d Infantry, you will want to read "Company Commander" by Chas. B. MacDonald. The author was the captain who took I company through the worst of the Battle of the Bulge. He made mistakes and cursed himself for them. He watched his company smashed in the brutal German drive. Then he was wounded, recovered, and went back to a different company, but still in the 2d. He won the respect of his men as a soldier and leader. MacDonald insists he is not the hero of his book, that the men from I and G companies are the heroes. If you want an expression of appreciation of this book, ask anyone in D-2, the ward which has an enthusiastic monopoly on the library's one copy, until we are forced to buy more. It's that good!

Report From Washington

By Armed Forces Press Service

Nine States plus the Territory of Alaska to date have authorized a general State bonus for veterans of World War II. The States are Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island and Vermont. States which have legislation pending for bonus payments are Kansas, New Mexico, South Dakota and Washington.

In an effort to stimulate reenlistments, the Army contemplates allowing overseas returnees being processed at port personnel centers to reenlist for any station in the six Army areas. Returnees are presently restricted to reenlisting for the Army area in which the port of debarkation is located.

Personnel marrying Germans will not be reassigned to the European Command in any capacity, according to a recent Army directive.

WACS other than category I volunteers will be discharged if the WAC Regular Army Bill is not passed by July 1, 1948. Authority granted in February, 1947, for retention of non-Category I WACs on active duty remains in effect.

Christmas leave policy at all Army Zone of Interior installations is as follows:

1. In order to permit the maximum number of Army personnel, who so desire, to take leave during the Christmas period, training may be suspended at all Army installations in the ZI during the period of December 20, 1947, to January 4, 1948, both dates inclusive.

2. Only reception processing of new enlistees and minimum administration and security functions will be required.

3. Personnel will continue to be enlisted and reenlisted during the holiday period and will be sent to training divisions.

4. Courses of instruction at training divisions and service schools may be lengthened for a period not to exceed 2 weeks where heretofore scheduled during the holiday leave period.

5. Classes scheduled to begin on or after December 20 are delayed 2 weeks.

6. Enlisted personnel becoming available for assignment immediately prior to the holiday period will be reported and assigned. Personnel normally due to arrive at destinations during holiday period may be granted additional delay enroute.

7. Personnel completing training during January or February and scheduled for immediate assignment overseas, who avail themselves of Christmas leaves, will not be granted normal preembarkation leave.

8. Personnel in port centers during the holiday period and scheduled for oversea shipment may be granted leave provided it does not delay their oversea movement.

At least two months' pay and allowances is awaiting 200 Navy veterans for their part in salvaging the German motorship "Odenwald" on Nov. 6, 1941. The men served aboard the "Omaha" and "Somers" when landing-parties from the two warships prevented the Germans from scuttling their ship in the South Atlantic neutrality zone.

General Marshall, in a soon-to-be released edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, states that the total of military personnel killed and missing in action during World War II exceeds 15,000,000 men. His tabulation totals are: Soviet Russia, 7,500,000; China, 2,200,000; British Commonwealth of Nations, 452,570; United Kingdom, 305,770; United States, 295,904; France, 200,000. Axis: Germany, 2,850,000; Japan, 1,506,000; Italy 300,000.

Figures and statistics such as the above too many times are set down in reports as just that, figures and statistics. The fact that each digit represents a man's life is oft times forgotten. What the men gave their lives for is too often buried with them. It is comforting therefore to reiterate the words of the selfsame tabulator, General George Marshall who, speaking at Harvard University on June 5, 1947, as Secretary of State, said "Our policy is not directed against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos."

CAPITAL CAPSULE: In an attempt to clarify matters for visiting servicemen having business in Washington, we list here some do's and don'ts: Don't look for the State Department in the building labeled "State Department." They're housed in the "War Department Building." The War Department never occupied that building but is located in the Pentagon and anyway, it's the Department of the Army now. Want the War Assets Administration? Naturally, it's in the "Railroad Retirement Building." Then where's the Railroad Retirement Board? That's in Chicago. Don't go marching in on matters of health to the building marked "U.S. Public Health Service." That is, unless you wish to find out about health from the Atomic Energy Commission. But the solution to all this is being worked out by the Public Buildings Administration. You can locate them in the "Federal Works Building."

Alice: "I've been asked to marry lots of times."

Fred: "Who asked you?"

Alice: "Mama and papa."

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

As far back as history records, man has been in possession of cattle. In the oldest parts of the Bible, references are made to milk, cheese, and butter. Throughout the changing civilizations of mankind, cattle and the products we derive therefrom have remained a very necessary and important item. At the present time dairy cattle is a two billion dollar industry and the leading source of income to American farmers.

A typical dairy farmer manages a farm of from 75 to 175 acres on which a herd of from 10 to 30 cows are housed, fed, and milked. He often grows the major part of his hay, grain, and roughage for feeding his animals. Dairy farms are located in all parts of the United States. However, the main dairy region is from Minnesota eastward through New England. Wisconsin, New York, and Vermont are important dairy states. The outlook for dairy farming is reasonably good. During the war years, agricultural production was 33 per cent above average. No one can definitely tell what tomorrow holds. But one factor is constant, an adequate well rounded background and education is always an aid to the farmer of today.

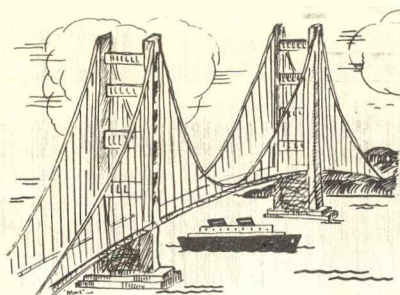
Every state has a State College of Agriculture, which, in addition to its regular 4-year course for a degree, gives numerous courses that range from a few weeks to a year or two, and are open to any practical farmer. Most farming communities have High Schools which offer courses in agricultural subjects.

The United States Armed Forces Institute offers to servicemen many self-study courses that will help to prepare for farming, for example: Dairy Farming, Dairy Cattle, Animal Sanitation and Disease Control, Farm Shop Practice, Farm Records, Managing a Farm together with Livestock Farming, and Beef Farming. The Education Office will try to help you if you desire more specific information or data. Consult the Educational Reconditioning Officer in Building 1039, Ext. 4403.

"Is it a modern farm house?"

"No. Five rooms and a path."

At twenty a man thinks he can save the world. At thirty he's happy if he can save part of his salary. When a fellow tells a girl she's as pretty as a picture, it may be just the frame he has his eye on.



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Letterman Old Timer Passes to The Retired List

On that day back in 1917 when Fred E. Watson took the oath on his first enlistment in the army the benefits of retirement in the sales talk of the recruiting sergeant looked so far away in the distant future but on Saturday last when Master Sergeant Fred E. Watson was placed on the retired list in the highest non-commissioned grade he said it seemed as though it were only yesterday when he first joined up.

Sgt. Watson was born in Jerry City, Ohio, and went to school in Toledo before enlisting in the Medical Department at Baltimore for Camp Meade where he remained for 18 months and took his discharge. After trying civilian life for a brief period he again raised his hand for Uncle Sam and was sent out to Schofield Barracks for a three-year tour. When the time came for another decision in 1922 the army was in his blood and he enlisted for Letterman where he spent the next eight years.

In 1931 he went back to Schofield Barracks and enjoyed four years of the balmy breezes in the Paradise of the Pacific before electing a change of climate which found him at Fort Wayne, Michigan, for the next five years. In 1940 he came back to Letterman but remained only seven months when he was selected to assist in the organization of Hoff General Hospital at Santa Barbara. In 1943 he was commissioned a captain in the MAC and ordered to Fletcher General Hospital at Cambridge, Ohio, where he was in command of the medical detachment. When that hospital was de-



Master Sergeant FRED E. WATSON
Who left Letterman for retirement this week

activated in 1945 his next assignment was to Camp Beale where he held out until that post was dissolved and he was separated from his commission in the summer of this year.

Then there was only one thing for an old soldier to do—he came back to Letterman and re-enlisted. He had only a few months to do and his time was passed in the Personnel Section until the Secretary of the

Army approved his request for retirement effective 30 November.

Sgt. Watson was married in 1922 to Miss Geraldine Shigley at Toledo, Ohio, and they have three daughters—all married. At the moment he has not made up his mind about going back to Ohio or staying in sunny California. Wherever he goes he carries with him the best wishes of this command for many years of happiness ahead.

Two Hanukkah Celebrations for LGH Personnel

Two Hanukkah celebrations to which Letterman personnel are invited will be held next week, one at Letterman and one at the Jewish Community Center, Presidio and California Streets.

The party at Letterman is sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans, San Francisco Post, and will follow the regular Friday night services on 12 December. Services begin at 7:30 p. m. in the LGH Chapel.

On Thursday evening, 11 December, a celebration given under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Board, the USO, and the Jewish Community Center will be held at the center. The evening will feature song, dance and games. Refreshments, including traditional Jewish holiday foods, will be served. The women members of the Center will serve as hostesses, and kindling of lights for eight days. The celebration is, therefore, also called the Feast of Lights.

While the Books of Maccabees preserve the accounts of oppressive religious prohibitions and compulsions of the Syrians and the military victory of the Maccabees, the Talmud transmits a legend which relates that when the Temple was reopened for worship, there was but one cruse of oil to rekindle the perpetual lights. This oil by a miracle burned for eight days. To commemorate this miracle, the custom is observed of kindling a Hanukkah Lamp to the accompaniment of prayer and hymns on the eight days of the festival. This festival is observed from sunset 7 December to sunset 15 December.

New Bowling Alleys Popular With LGH Personnel

The new Letterman Bowling Alleys, which opened officially last week when Colonel Dean F. Winn, Commanding Officer, bowled the first ball, are already popular with patients and duty personnel.

Lieut. Col. William L. Beswick, MSC, Control Officer, spoke briefly at the opening, outlining the program for the new activity, and commending Major Irving Faling, MSC, Major Thomas R. Jones, MSC, and First Lieut. Oliver M. Rajala, MSC, for their work in the preliminaries incident to the opening.

The first evening the alleys were open there was a capacity play, with every alley in use all evening. High score to date was made by Pfc. Ciprino Suazo of Durango, Colorado, patient on ward B-2, whose score was 210. Captain Charles Adcock, MSC, had second high score, with 208. Captain Adcock bowled 17 games on the opening night. Captain Charlotte Woodworth, CO of the WAC detachment, and Captain Minnie Young of Classification and Assignment were among the outstanding bowlers the first night.

The first patient who bowled after Colonel Winn opened the alleys, Cpl. William Schaefer of Hunter, Arkansas, bowled a strike. He was playing his first game in over a year. Bowling with him were Pfc. Suazo and Cpl. Charles Okimoto of Hawaii, both patients.

The alleys are in Building 1066. They are under the supervision of the Chief of Physical Medicine Service, with Captain H. C. Bailey, Chief of Physical Reconditioning, in charge. Personnel from both Physical Reconditioning and Special Services are assigned to duty at the Bowling Alleys. Bowling will be prescribed for patients as a part of their treatment, and both patients and duty personnel may use the alleys as a recreational activity.

The Bowling Alleys are open Monday through Saturday. The afternoon hours are from 1 to 4:30 p. m.; evening hours, 6 to 10 p. m. The afternoon hours are reserved for patients, and they are not charged for the use of the alleys. Patients and duty personnel and their dependents may use the facilities in the evening. During those hours there is a charge of 20 cents per line.

Bowling shoes must be worn, and those using the alleys may either use their own or rent shoes and socks for 10 cents for the evening.



Colonel DEAN F. WINN
Letterman's Commanding Officer, bowls the first ball at the official opening of the new LGH Bowling Alleys.

T/Sgt. Herbert Sanders of Special Services is the NCO in charge, and T/5 Everett Phillips and Pfc. William P. Riley, also of Special Services, will be on duty in the evenings. T/4 Steve Ferency and Pfc. Carroll Schneider of Physical Reconditioning are assigned for afternoon duty.

Plans are under way to organize bowling leagues here, and sections or departments desiring to enter teams are asked to submit their lists to the Special Services office, indicating the captain of the team and where he may be contacted.

It is anticipated that three four-team leagues sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress will be formed. There should be a minimum of six persons on each team. The leagues will be handicap leagues, giving all an equal chance.

Each league will bowl on a designated evening, either Monday, Wednesday or Friday of each week. Bowlers who have the highest average at the time the Sixth Army Championship Bowling Tournament is held will be selected to represent Letterman at the event. It is expected that the tournament will take place early next Spring.

Girls' Basketball

The Letterman Girls' Basketball team will play their first game of the season next Thursday night, 11 December at 6:30 at the LGH Gym. Their opponents will be the Presidio Sixth Army WAC team.

The team has been practicing for the past two months and should go places this season. Their starting line-up includes the following girls: Becky Monroy, Billie Maples, Robbie Gaulding, Frances Jenkins, Betty Miller, Betty Hearne, Leatrice Lamascus, Anna Christensen, Minnie Young, Mildred Stech, Hank Zuzga, Clara Queen, Lucy Sellers and Margaret Lassetter.

This first game will be the preliminary game to the LGH men's team vs. the Marine Base.

Let's all get out and give the girls a lot of moral support—start them on their way to the final championship tournament which will be played at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

"That's a hot number," the steer said with a wink as the branding iron was applied to his shoulder.

Stoneman Football Team Undefeated And Untied

Camp Stoneman's football team, Sixth Army Area champions, is looking around for new worlds to conquer after completing its regular season undefeated and untied.

Specifically Coach (Lt.) Eugene J. Phillips and his Transportation Corps squad would like to arrange a contest with the best Navy team in the West for the Pacific Coast service championship.

Stoneman won its eighth straight game Thanksgiving Day by defeating the Presidio of San Francisco 47-0, at Pittsburg. Dave Crosson ran 45 yards for a score the first time that Stoneman had the ball and thereafter it was a rout. Crosson, Franklin, Smith and Apperson each scored two six-pointers and Axelrod added the seventh touchdown.

The win gave Stoneman a record of 192 points for the eight games as against 19 scored by the opposition.

Holiday Party To Be Given at Temple Emanuel

A party for hospital patients and service personnel will be given by the Temple Emanuel Guild at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, 10 December, featuring top night club entertainment, refreshments and prizes. The party, marking the Feast of the Maccabees, will be held at Temple Emanuel, Lake Street at Arguello Boulevard. Young ladies of the Emanuelites Club will serve as hostesses.

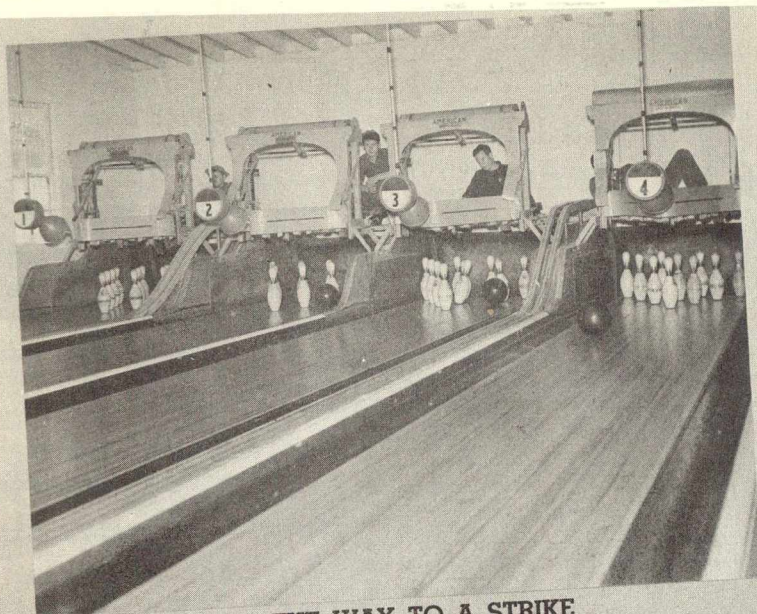
The affair will be the first of a new series of monthly parties for servicemen and women sponsored by the Women's Guild which, Presidio personnel may recall, arranged many interesting and entertaining evenings for them during the war years.

All personnel wishing to attend the party on December 10 should make reservations with Letterman Red Cross.

Mother to Innocent Daughter: "I thought I told you not to go out with perfect strangers?"

Daughter: "But mother, he isn't perfect!"

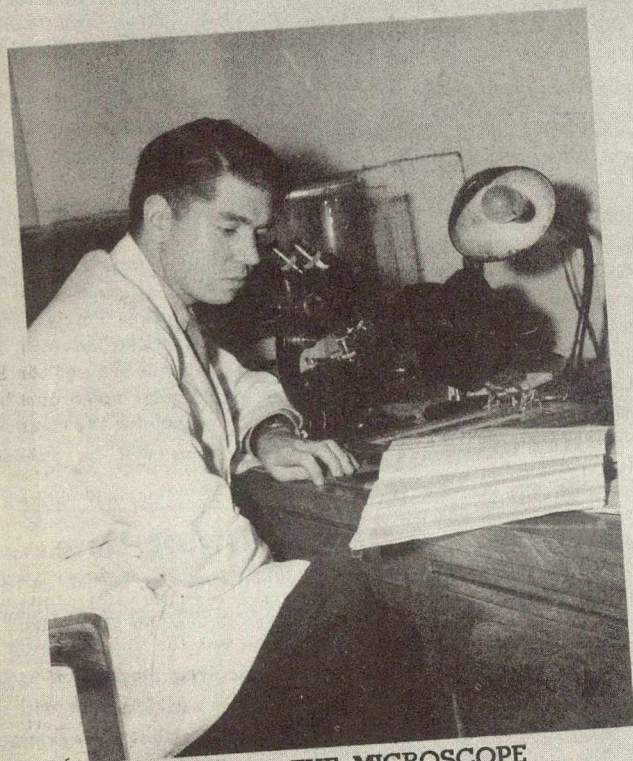
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



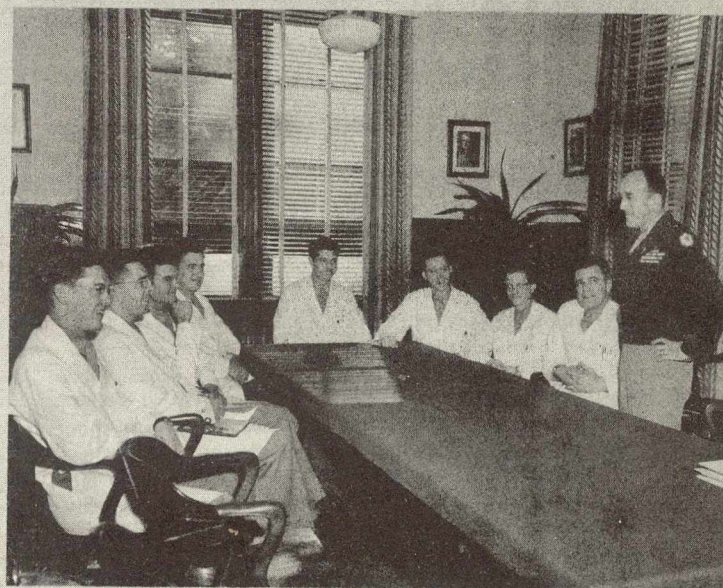
ON THE WAY TO A STRIKE
You'll have to take our word for it that the ball in the right alley is on the way to a strike--the first one made in Letterman's new bowling alley.



DUSTY DALE
and his Texas Ramblers made music for the bed patients last week at Letterman.



THROUGH THE MICROSCOPE
First Lieut. David C. Kellsey, MC, intern at Letterman. Each intern spends a month in the Laboratory Service while at LGH.



BRIG GEN. GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG
Deputy Surgeon General, talked to the medical interns about the Army medical program during his recent visit to LGH. L to R: First Lieuts. Raymond W. Blohm, Jr., Daniel C. Wilkerson, Jr., David H. Wilson, Chas. R. Lambert, David C. Kellsey, Edw. S. Brezina, Chas. F. Moller, Ernest F. Adams, General Armstrong.

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EDITORIAL

THOUGHTFULNESS

The rush of Christmas shopping is on. People are telling each other how they battled the crowds, how much more shopping they have to do, worrying about whether they'll get their Christmas cards and packages mailed in time, dealing with all the minutiae of the annual holiday of giving. Only a fortunate few with forethought are able to sit happily back and say "My Christmas shopping is all finished."

Sometimes in the Christmas rush the important ingredient of thoughtfulness in giving is left out. Of course the mere getting and sending of the gift or card shows thought, but there is an extra-special thoughtfulness that takes more of our precious commodity, time. It is the kind of thoughtfulness that involves more than just the purchase of a gift. It involves asking yourself just what gift would be most useful or would give most pleasure to the recipient. It means writing a special Christmas note to the people on your Christmas card list.

The ones you remember at Christmas are those you know well—well enough to know their tastes and desires. Give them that extra generosity of the time it takes to do more than you can do with money. Don't get so involved with the mechanics of buying that you lose sight of the things that make the holiday genuinely a Merry Christmas.



Mrs. Joseph Francis Burns has announced the marriage of her daughter, Helen C. Burns, on November 22, 1947, at the Chapel at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., at 9 o'clock, to Col. Edward J. Gearin, Maj. Burns, WMSC, is Director of Dietitians for the Medical Department of the Army and has been stationed in the office of The Surgeon General since 1942. Col. Gearin, Medical Service Corps, retired, has recently returned from the Philippines, where he was assigned to the 20th Station Hospital.

Two newcomers were welcomed this week to the Army Nurse Corps staff—1st Lieut. Geraldine R. Rose, who has been on duty in Alaska, and 1st Lieut. Sue D. Willard, who came to Letterman from Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas.

Lieut. Louise Page of the dietitians staff spent the Thanksgiving holiday visiting her sister in Fresno.

The sympathy of her friends at Letterman goes to 1st Lieut. Primrose Gifford, whose father died this week in Salt Lake City. When Lieut. Gifford was asked where flowers for the funeral could be sent, she requested that the money that would have been used for the flowers be sent instead to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund.

First Lieut. Mildred E. Halligan left this week for a 15-day leave which she will spend in Quenn's Village, N. Y.

Now that First Lieut. Betty Miller is singing "Night and Day" to celebrate the three-day period between night and day duty, she is also putting her time to profitable use at the races. Not that 22 cents is so very profitable, but every little counts. Besides, it's fun!

A real holiday leave is in store for 1st Lieut. Susan Feaganes. She is going home to Culpeper, Virginia, on a 30-day leave, which means Christmas at home this year.

On the other hand, 1st Lieut. Muriel Taylor, who went home to New York for Christmas last year, will have a home Christmas right in San Francisco, because her moth-

WAC

Captain Minnie L. Young gave another demonstration of her versatility in the cooking of a Thanksgiving turkey for her dinner guests—Captain Charlotte I. Woodworth, Captain Rose L. Wagner, and Lieut. Margaret A. Kimpton. A phone call to "Mom" back in Enid, Oklahoma, just before the bird went into the oven had a lot to do with the results.

It was something of a shock to Staff Sergeant Violet Collings, who has been a patient for the past eight weeks, to get a bill for a traffic citation this week. Not that she would not be glad to be out of the hospital and well enough to commit a traffic violation. However, the citation really belonged to T/3 Frances Jenkins, who parked in a no parking zone while driving the car belonging to Lieut. Frances Harlee, who bought the car from Sgt. Collings. Confusing, isn't it? But the law had its way, and the bill is now paid.

T/4 "Hank" (Henrietta if you want to be formal) Zuzga is a patient on ward G-1, and felling mighty restive about it, too. The more visitors the merrier, and they would also make it easier to stay put.

We understand T/4 Aletha Birchfield had an especially happy Thanksgiving, with plenty of entertainment.

Staff Sergeant Margaret A. Drescher is enjoying a week's furlough, and is spending it at her home here in San Francisco. That ought to give her plenty of time for getting all her Christmas shopping and mailing done early.

If you need to know the number of a hospital memo or special orders or any little technical detail like that, just call on Staff Sergeant Silvia Winer in the Adjutant's Office. She's very quick with the right answers.

er is coming here for the holidays. And if they feel they must have a white Christmas, they can always go up to the mountains.

It wasn't a conspiracy, but Tuesday was definitely ANC night this week at the Letterman Officers' Club. Five nurses won at Bingo—First Lieuts. Mary O'Halloran, Nina Newman, Marie Miller, Eunice Wood and Madeline Passadori. Those lucky people!

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 7 December, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Mass Monday, 8 Dec., 0600 and 0730.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Christmas Program

At a meeting held in the office of the Post Chaplain this week plans were formulated for the activities for patients and duty personnel during the coming Christmas holiday period.

Attending the meeting were Miss Grace Guilford, Field Director for the Red Cross, Miss Ann Mahony, Recreation Supervisor, ARC, Miss Nancy Jones, Recreation Worker, ARC, Mr. Horace A. Loomis, Executive Secretary, Army YMCA, and Lieut. Oliver M. Rajala, MSC, Chief of Special Services.

The committee discussed the coordination of the participation of their respective organizations, as well as that of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and the San Francisco Lodge of the Elks in the program to make the holidays a happy time for the command.

The program will be published next week.

Col. Offutt Here

Colonel Harry D. Offutt, en route from his former station at Honolulu where he was the Chief Surgeon for the Pacific Area, stopped off at Letterman this week to visit with old friends in the Medical Department.

Colonel Offutt is under orders to assume command of Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan, at the expiration of a 60-day leave of absence.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MAY MAGRATH
Technician Fourth Grade

When you have a name like Magrath, it's difficult to convince people that it's spelled "Ma" and not "Mc," and T/4 May Magrath has that as one of her problems. But she's fully competent to deal with the problem, because who ever heard of a person in the teaching field being tested by a problem in spelling?

May was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., where her family has lived for over 100 years, ever since her grandparents came from England. She taught in the Brooklyn schools, and is at present on military leave from the New York Board of Education.

She joined the WAC in May 1943, and after completing basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, went to administrative school at Conway, Arkansas. Her first duty assignment was at Third Air Force headquarters, Tampa, Florida. In July 1944 she went to Camp Lee, Virginia, where she was assigned to Personnel. She also did personnel work at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, at Camp Butner General Hospital, Durham, N. C., and attended the School of Personnel Services at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. At Camp Upton Convalescent Hospital on Long Island her assignment was psychiatric case work.

In January 1946 she was sent to the New York Port of Embarkation and began on one of her most interesting jobs in the Army, doing medical administrative work for the transport surgeon on the USAT Henry Gibbins. The ship sailed for Bremerhaven carrying dependents of military personnel, and on the return voyage brought back war brides from Southampton and Le Havre. May crossed the Atlantic nine times while on the assignment.

She came to Letterman in Octo-

ON AND OFF THE RECORD With the Patients

Adolph Ramon, a patient on ward M-1, is a talented portrait artist. He has sketched pictures of a number of acquaintances that he has made while in the service. Ramon also sculpts in clay. He is a near master in both arts.

Truman Haley, recently injured in a plane crash on Mt. Spokane, Wash., is recovering on ward E-2. He hasn't been able to get around the hospital much as yet, but what little he has seen of Letterman, he likes very well.

It was previously reported in this column that **Guy Dickey**, ward D-2, was fortunate enough to promote a date with one of the models that visited Letterman for the Fashion Show. It seems that "Wolf, M-1, A-1" Dickey is doing well. He turned in on his ward in the wee small hours of a morning last week well lipsticked. The entire ward is concerned with the outcome of this budding romance. So much so that they detailed Navy man **Jack Donovan**, ward A-2, and his wife to go along as chaperons. When was it that sailors started chaperoning?

Talking about the Navy, Letterman is playing host to another boy-of-the-blue, **R. E. Robinson**, patient on ward M-1. Welcome to the fold, fellas.

Anthony LaSalvia is making his first trip home in forty months when he gets his Christmas furlough. LaSalvia is a patient on ward B-2. He spends most of the time "deceiving" his fellow patients with card tricks.

Chinese Checkers Champ Ira Matthews, Ward M-1, challenges all comers. He will play for money, marbles or chalk—might spot a few points, too.

Kay Perfect, while on furlough, was heard by some of her friends broadcasting over the radio from College Inn, Hotel Sherman, Chicago. Kay received a gold watch for appearing on the program.

ber, and likes it so well that she wishes she had been here longer, she says. She works on psychiatric case histories.

At present her leisure time is devoted to exploring San Francisco. She likes reading, and has a collection of silver and china, though she says the collection has been neglected since she has been in the Army.

Donald "Shorty" Artimez is back at Letterman as a veteran patient. "Shorty" learned to make yarn dogs and other animals when he was at Letterman before. When he entered civilian life he opened a shop and went into mass production. The toys can be seen on display in several of San Francisco's large hotels.

Be it noted that **Milt Wellons**, ward 25, is a sweet, home loving kid—says Wellons. **Joe Case** has a different report.

Miller Towman was troubled with nightmares last week. He had a very vivid dream that he was in a burning plane, so he parachuted to safety—right on to the stomach of **Maurice Armentrout**, who was unfortunate enough to have the bed along side of Towman's on ward M-1. Armentrout doesn't think he looks at all like a landing strip, even if he did feel like one for a moment.

James Hubert, ward B-2, has been trimming his ward officer, **Major Dan Steffanoff**, at chess lately.

Kenny Mahurin asks **Dale Stephenson** to return that barrel he borrowed and has been wearing of late.

Clarence Bringle has made a beautiful walnut veneer desk at the O. T. shop.

Record Yule Sale Seen by Exchanges

New York (AFPS)—Army Post Exchanges are prepared for a volume of Christmas sales that will set a record for the past six years, the Army Exchange Service reported.

More seasonal merchandise is available, the Service said, and a greater variety will appear on Post Exchange counters than has been seen for the past six years.

Prices will be lower on many items, despite the generally prevalent high prices on all merchandise. This is attributed partly to the fact that most Post Exchanges in the continental limits of the U. S. placed their orders for Christmas goods early last summer.

Christmas plans vary throughout Army installations due to local conditions, the Exchange Service said, but many have planned special sales programs, including appearances of Santa Claus in person to entertain the kiddies.

ON THE SPOT



JAMES H. SCHULTZ
Corporal

In the last nineteen years, all of the big moments in Corporal Jim Schultz life have been connected with athletics. Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Jim attended parochial schools, finishing at Catholic Central High School.

During his schooling Jim turned out for football, and in his senior team he was named All City and his team won the State Championship. In August of 1946 Jim enlisted in the Army along with three friends: Lyle Morrison, Ray Scully, and Richard Cavanaugh.

The lives of Dick Cavanaugh and Jim have run parallel for many years. They were born in the same room just a few hours apart. They went to school together, enlisted at Percy Jones General Hospital, had basic training at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and were assigned to Letterman in October of 1946.

Corporal Schultz has been working in the enlisted pay section for over a year. Despite his work as a clerk typist, he finds time to do a great deal of reading. Jim has also participated in sports while in the Army. Alternating between catcher and right field, he was a member of the Letterman Softball team which won the Sixth Army Championship and the Bay Area Championship. Currently he is playing fullback on the Presidio football team.

When Jim is discharged, he will enroll in the University of Michigan on an honorary football scholarship. He plans to pursue a physical education course to prepare himself for a coaching career. He hopes to become a college football coach and everything points in that direction now.

Jim is fully confident that Michigan will wallop USC in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

CIVIL CIRCLES

May Broussard of the Laundry has returned to work after spending some time in the Notre Dame Hospital. May worked at Notre Dame Hospital during the war, but at that time it was known as Dante Annex.

Marion Breach gave a farewell party recently for Harry Martin and Warren Baumgardner, former workers in Military Personnel and now happy civilians.

Myrtle Kirby has transferred from Military Personnel to Officers Pay Section.

Lennis Harrick of Finance journeyed by air to spend Thanksgiving with her father in Gold Hill, Oregon.

Ace Guth, Ward B-1, was planning to place many nice presents under the Christmas tree for her granddaughter. Now there will be twice as many with the arrival of a new grandson, Michael, in the house. Michael was born 1 December.

June Grumstrup of Military Personnel is back at her desk after a month's leave.

Helen Lund of the Pay Roll office and her husband, Ray, flew to Salt Lake City in time to spend Thanksgiving with her family during their two weeks vacation.

Wishes for a speedy recovery go to Bernice Blake of the Sergeant Major's office, who is at home nursing a heavy cold.

Shirley Strunk of Out-Patient Service became the bride of Jack Dotson on 28 November, at Newman Methodist Church in Grant's Pass, Oregon, her home town. The bride wore white, with a bridal hat of fresh pink and white carnations, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. Here sister, Betty Strunk of Special Services, sang at the wedding. There was a reception following the wedding, after which Mr. and Mrs. Dotson came back to San Francisco for their honeymoon.

The PX may well point with pride to the festive Christmas decorations that were put up this week. Manager Alice Thompson and a corps of willing helpers worked till eleven one evening this week criss-crossing red and green and silver to get that holiday effect. The others who worked on the decorations were Dorothy Fassett, Audrey Mathis, Lois Risko, Mary Lou Marshall, Jo East and Jack Batups.

HER SMILE SPARKLES LIKE THE DIAMOND IN HER ENGAGEMENT RING



Miss MARGARET FLACK
Next month she will be Mrs. Clyde Kinnicutt

By the time Margaret Flack of Occupational Therapy was six years old she had made seven trips through the Canadian Rockies, and ever since then a lot of her time has been travel time. But it looks as though she is now about to settle for California, because last week she announced her engagement to Clyde Kinnicutt, and after their marriage on 11 January, she will definitely call San Francisco home.

Margaret was born in Winnipeg, Canada, and grew up in such widely scattered spots as Minneapolis, Victoria, B. C., Scotland and England. She majored in English at the University of Minnesota, and later taught English on the University's Farm Campus. After further study, this time at the Colorado State College of Education in Greeley, Colo., she taught remedial reading for three years.

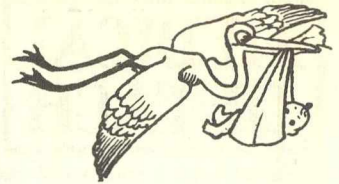
One summer vacation she bought a car so she could learn to drive, and learned so well that she and a friend enjoyed a trip which took them to the Black Hills, Wisconsin, Chicago, Tennessee, Charleston, Florida, and New Orleans. When the war began Margaret sold her car. She had named it the "Bluebird" for happiness, and she says it certainly lived up to its name.

She came to live in San Francisco,

and for a time worked for the Southern Pacific. However, she had wanted to go into Occupational Therapy for a 16-month course. Part of her training period was in civilian work, and part of it in the Army, and when she completed the course she went to Baxter General Hospital in Spokane, Wash., to an Army job. That was in March 1945 and she remained there until the hospital closed in November. Her next assignment was at Letterman. She came here two years ago, and recently, when the Functional O. T. Shop was opened, she was placed in charge.

Margaret is active in church work at the First Presbyterian Church here in San Francisco, where she teaches a craft class in silver and leatherwork. It was there that she met her future husband, it is there that she will be married next month.

In her free time Margaret likes travel, hiking, cooking (both indoor and outdoor cooking), and her two favorites among the crafts she teaches, weaving and leatherwork. Right now, though, most of that free time is taken up with preparations for her wedding, of which she is reminded, (as though she needed a reminder!) every time she sees that diamond sparkling on her left hand.



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Philip D. Wilcox, a boy, **Philip David**, born 18 November.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Orrin K. Rosenquist, a boy, **Steven Kenneth**, born 18 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Kendall K. Thompson, a girl, **Betty Louise**, born 19 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James J. Peyton, a girl, **Barbara Ann**, born 20 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Theodore L. Bartlemetz, a boy, **Stephen Hollis**, born 20 November.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Otis Wayne King, a boy, **Vernon Wayne**, born 21 November.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. John Sorgg Enright, a boy, **Thomas Eugene**, born 21 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Homer A. Baker, a girl, **Linda Leanne**, born 21 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Leonard Farrell Parks, a boy, **Robert Farrell**, born 21 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Philip W. Thysell, a boy, **Leslie Samuel**, born 23 November.

To Cpl. and Mrs. David Gonzalez Ochoa, a boy, **David Jesus**, born 24 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Scott Reynolds, a girl, **Sandra Kay**, born 24 November.

Plumber: "I've come to fix the old tub in the kitchen."

Son: "Ma, here's the doctor to see the cook."

Private Finances

Pvt. Can Save Roll In Twenty Year Term

Venezia Giulia (AFPS)—A soldier, even if he should remain a private for twenty years, can retire with savings of \$14,633.47, according to the calculations of CWO Paul B. Nuzum, of the Theater Fiscal Director's Office.

If the soldier never got beyond the grade of private, and deposited \$25 a month plus his re-enlistment allowances, he could retire at the end of 21 years with that amount, Mr. Nuzum figured.

If the amount of deposits was increased proportionately with promotions and pay increases, the amount of savings would be correspondingly larger.

MEDICAL DETACH

Raymond Simi, a stalwart of barracks 563, has originated a new saying that may sweep the nation. It is by far the by-line of his friends and associates.

Charles Cannon and Robert Kluth left this week for Ohio. They were discharged and are driving home in a 1933 Chevrolet. Among the things Bob was packing was a manual explaining the working innards of a Chevy and how to repair them.

Sergeant Chris Liossis of Military Personnel recently returned from Los Angeles where he spent Thanksgiving. Although it was only his first visit, he prefers San Francisco where he has spent most of his Army career.

Leon Stein will be discharged very soon. He plans to return to his home, Passaic, New Jersey, and continue his education. But California has made another friend and he may yet come back here to live.

Ray Dull is also back at the hospital again after a 15-day delay en route which he spent at his home in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

Add Jack Greer to the growing list of detach men who are patients in this hospital.

A hearty thanks to Cleophus Lane for his untiring efforts on the ramps. He seems to be busy all the time.

John Cella, a recent addition to this installation, hails from all over Europe. Although an American citizen, he was born in Italy and was living in Belgium before the war. Now 24 years old, he has been in uniform for a long time . . . dating back to before Dunkerque, 1940 (when he served in the Belgian section of the British Commandos). Later he was a prisoner in Poland for two years. He returned to his home to receive "reetings from the President." John was sent to this hospital from Fort Dix, New Jersey. He will spend a very short time here before being discharged.

One little girl: "What's your cat's name?"

T'other li'l girl: "Ben Hur."

First li'l girl: "How'd you happen to pick that name?"

Second li'l girl: "We called him Ben until he had kittens."

PHYSICAL RECONDITIONING CHIEF SUPERVISES THREE-WAY PROGRAM



Captain H. C. BAILEY, MSC
Chief of Physical Reconditioning Branch at LGH

Although he came to feel right at home in a tank as a member of a tank destroyer outfit during the war, Captain H. C. Bailey, who is Chief of Physical Reconditioning at Letterman, says he is glad to be back again in the work in which he first specialized.

The opening of the Letterman Bowling Alley last week added a new activity to the Physical Reconditioning program, and Captain Bailey now supervises the activities there as well as at the gymnasium and the swimming pool.

Captain Bailey was born in Salyersville, Kentucky, and grew up in Virginia, which well accounts for that soothing southern accent he possesses. He attended the University of Kentucky at Lexington, and took his degree in Physical Education and Biological Science. He taught Physical Education at the university, and later was athletic director at a Kentucky high school.

He came into the Army in March 1942, and spent the first six months of his Army life at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He went to OSC at Camp Hood, Texas, and received his commission in January 1943. During the next year his time was divided between Camp Hood and Camp Bowie, where he trained with a tank destroyer battalion. He then went to Ford Ord for amphibian training, and later was at Camp Shelby again

for a time.

Captain Bailey transferred from the Armored Divisions to the Medical Specialist Corps, and in December 1944 was assigned to Welch Convalescent Hospital at Daytona Beach, Florida, where he was in charge of the Physical Reconditioning program for officer patients. He remained there for 17 months, until the hospital closed. He then went to Pratt General Hospital at Coral Gables, Florida, to organize the Physical Reconditioning program there, and again remained until the hospital closed last June. Since that time he has been at Letterman.

He was pleasantly surprised when he came to San Francisco to find that as many as 25 of the "Welch Alumni" are now living in and around the Bay Area. They have even formed an organization, and recently held a picnic at Tilden Park across the Bay.

Captain Bailey and his wife Ouida were singularly fortunate in finding an apartment when they came here. They arrived on 8 June; on 9 June they moved into an apartment.

Naturally Captain Bailey's leisure time activities center around sports. He attends all major sporting events, and his hobby is taking movies of these events. He has his own movie equipment. Badminton, basketball and fencing are the

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Letterman's chapel was the scene of Miss Rose Marksman's marriage to Lewis Augustine on Sunday, November thirtieth, Lt. Mabel Herndon was the maid of honor, and Cpl. Claude Corea acted as best man.

Landscape gardening was the big thing last week as Cpl. Bill Warden replanted the lawn in front of the Evacuation Office, and Sergeants Garland and Mack distributed shrubbery around the Crissy Area.

Hospital Train Section Cagers went down to their third defeat in as many games, dropping the last one to the Letterman second team. Team members report that a larger squad would help matters considerably.

Congratulations to the latest group of HTS enlisted men to be promoted: T/5's Marvin Borchert, James Kehoe, Herbert Neff, John Posz, James Boyd, and Cpl. Lawrence Holmes.

First Sergeant Tea Garland seems to have plenty of supervision these days, to judge from the group offering free advice on the subject of repairing a buffer one day this week.

The Tailor Shop in the supply room is once more in operation after recent repairs to the pressing machine.

Cpl. Don Morgan entered the hospital this week for an operation, and has been assigned to Ward C-1.

S/Sgt. Albert Mills took a well-deserved three-day pass this week after completing a month as night charge of quarters for the HTS. S/Sgt. Mack Nicholls has assumed those duties for the month of December.

Classes were resumed for HTS enlisted men this week, with M/Sgt. Marshall Lindquist conducting these on Detachment Supply, and M/Sgt. Louis Latronico explaining the functions of Medical Supply.

sports in which he is now most active, and he plans to join a fencing club here in San Francisco. He was on the University of Kentucky fencing team, and in 1938 won the South Atlantic Sabre championship. He has had requests from Letterman personnel to start a fencing team here.

Answering the Veterans Queries

More than 76,000 World War II veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii have reinstated lapsed National Service Life Insurance policies valued at more than \$520,000,000 during the past eight months under liberal provisions still in effect, according to the Veterans Administration.

During the same period more than 900,000 World War II veterans throughout the country took advantage of the liberal reinstatement privilege and picked up policies valued at more than five and a half billion dollars.

Holders of lapsed NSLI term policies who have not yet reinstated have less than two months in which to do so under the liberal reinstatement plan.

Until midnight December 31, 1947, such veterans need only fill out a three question application form and pay two monthly premiums—one for the 31-day grace period during which the insurance was continued without payment, and the other for the current month.

Beginning next January 1, veterans with policies which have been lapsed more than three months will be required to take a physical examination and qualify as insurable risks.

Term policies issued prior to January 1, 1946, may be continued on that basis up to eight years from date of issuance. For policies taken out after that date the term period is five years.

Term policies may be converted into any one of the six permanent plans available at any time before expiration of the term. They are: ordinary life, 20-payment life, 30-payment life, 20-year endowment, endowment at age 60 and endowment at age 65.

Question: May I change the beneficiary of my insurance policy by a last will or testament?

Answer: No. A change of beneficiary for your insurance policy must be made by written notice to the Veterans Administration over your signature and it shall not be binding on VA unless received and endorsed on the policy by VA.

Question: My son has renounced disability payments and I would like to know if he or his wife will lose their rights to other benefits provided by law?

Report From Washington

By Armed Forces Press Service

Serial number prefixes are going "unified." Effective shortly, *Air Force personnel* will use the following prefixes to their serial numbers: Officers, AO; Warrant Officers, AW; Flight Officers, AT; Aviation Cadets, AD; Enlisted, AF. *Department of the Army personnel* serial number prefixes will remain the same with these additions for non-RA enlisted men on extended active duty: Enlisted Reserve Corps, ER; AUS without specification of component, US. These prefixes will become a permanent, integral part of a man's serial number and will be shown on all basic records of and orders pertaining to him.

Members of the Armed Forces wishing to vote in forthcoming elections can secure State absentee ballots by requesting Federal post-card applications from their commanding officers and air-mailing same (free) to their State. Applications should be completely filled out and the name, serial number and complete military address should be clearly printed thereon. Upon receipt of the ballots, they should be executed in accordance with instructions received therewith and have the voter's oath attested by an officer. Personnel wishing to vote in person are authorized an absence of up to one day if entitled to vote in a State requiring in-person voting.

Pay increase proposals for the Armed Forces being considered by a joint board include recommendations for living-cost salary rises up to about 30 per cent. Recommendations probably will be sent to the coming regular session of Congress.

Reserve officers' eligibility for extended active duty or for active duty training will no longer be determined by use of a minimum efficiency index. Officers best qualified will be selected for active duty by review of performance ratings and record.

A proposal that the United States recruit a Foreign Legion of aliens to serve in its occupation forces in Europe has been made to the Senate by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts. The fact that "perhaps the Russians might not like it" should not be considered,

according to the Senator, since "our efforts to please them have not been crowned with success."

Spot checks of European Command mail arrivals have indicated that an average transit time for regular mail from the States is 23.5 days. Average airmail time is 10.5 days. A primary factor in the excessive air-transport time noted is the bad weather conditions over the Atlantic usually prevalent at this time of year.

Evening dress uniforms for the Armed Forces will become effective February 1, 1948, and will be optional except for officers required to attend functions where the evening dress uniform is specifically prescribed. Uniforms will be similar to the white tie and tails "soup'n'fish" of formal civilian dress, with each Service retaining its individuality by distinctive insignia, sleeve braid, buttons and accessories.

Applicants for retirement who have more than 20 years but less than 30 years' service at time of entering their current enlistment will have to repay their last enlistment allowance if they have not served at least one year of their current hitch, according to a soon-to-be released revision of AR 615-395. Also changed is a provision making it mandatory for applicants to be hospitalized and processed for disability retirement if their physical condition warrants such action when examined prior to retirement (for length of service).

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, slated to retire as Chief of Naval Operations around December 15, will remain active in Navy policy-making as a special assistant to Navy Secretary John L. Sullivan.

CAPITAL CAPSULE: President Truman recently was given a gold membership card making him a member in good standing of the Marine Corps League. This despite the fact that Mr. Truman was on old Army man. Cracked the Commandant of the leather-necks' group when this was brought out, "Well, we Marines have decided not to hold that service against the President."—Unification marches on!

Answer: No. Neither your son nor his dependents will lose their rights to other benefits provided for them by law.

Question: If I accept the compensation check VA has sent me, does that mean I am satisfied with the rating given me?

Answer: No. The acceptance of the check does not waive any rights you may have in claiming greater compensation or pension than that which has been awarded you.

White: "How dared you kiss my wife last night in the dark on our front porch!"

Black: "Now that I've seen her by daylight I wonder myself."

Wife (in back seat): "Don't drive so fast, dear."

Husband: "Why not?"

"Wife: "That policeman on the motorcycle behind us can't get by."

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Almost one half of the population of the United States, 65,000,000 people, have insurance of one kind or another. Although we have only one seventh of the world's population, over 70 per cent of all insurance policies are sold in this country. Today more than 69,000 insurance organizations employ over half a million workers. Of course all employees are not salesmen, but the vast majority are salesmen, or agents as they usually are called.

The life insurance agent directs most of his activities toward selling life insurance and servicing the life insurance policy-holders. Life insurance is marketed in three forms—ordinary, industrial, and group.

To become a life insurance agent, you can start by making contacts with some of the general agents or managers of life insurance branch offices in your community. Each company has a program for beginning agents. It might be that you will be enrolled in regular classes conducted by experienced men. After preliminary training you will need to apply for a state license to sell life insurance in the state where you will be doing business.

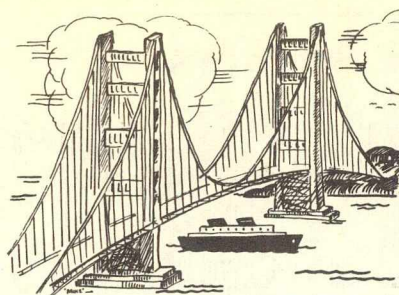
A number of colleges and universities offer programs that provide the necessary preparations to secure the designation 'Chartered Life Underwriter.' This CLU award is formal recognition of your professional competence. However, a college degree is not necessary to become a life insurance agent.

USAFI offers the following correspondence courses to servicemen which will help prepare them in this field: Principles of Life Insurance, Business Arithmetic, Business Law, and Selling. Offered also are these self study courses: Life Insurance, Fundamentals of Selling, American Economic Problems, and Insurance.

For more information about this or other jobs and professions, call or come to the Educational Reconditioning Office, Building 1039, extension 4403.

Scientists have definitely proved that the bumblebee has not enough wing space with which to fly. However, the bee does not know this and flies anyway.

There was a young lady named Carol Who loved to play cards for apparel Her opponent's straight flush Made the young lady blush Now Carol's apparel's a barrel!



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Medical Officers Listed Among New Permanent Generals

The board of general officers convened by the Secretary of the Army has completed its assigned task for the time being and the recommended list of officers to be appointed to permanent and temporary general officer grade have been approved by the President, according to an official announcement last week.

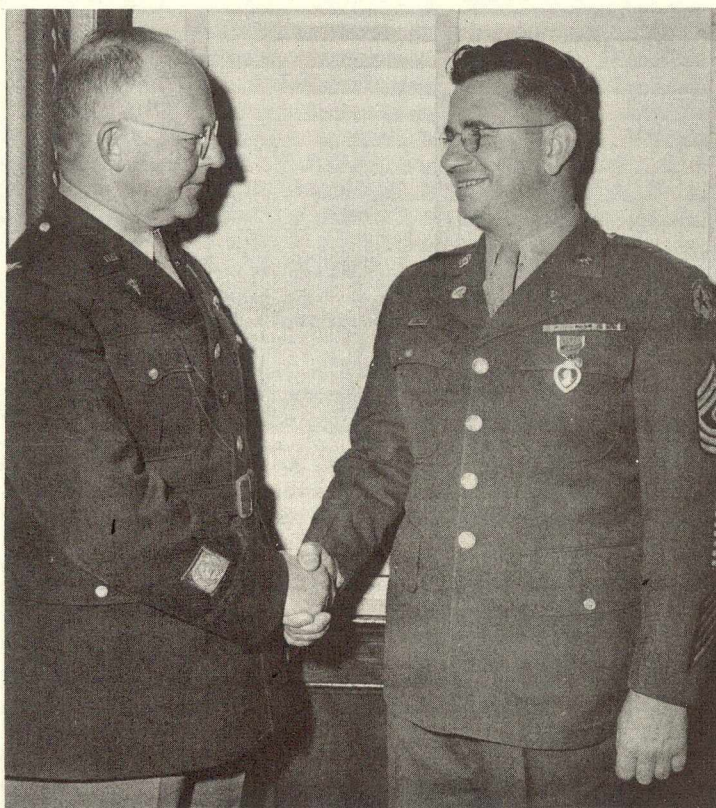
Among those selected for permanent grade of major general were five officers of the Medical Corps, two officers of the Dental Corps, and one officer of the Veterinary Corps. The following officers of the Medical Corps were selected:

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, the Surgeon General of the Army; Major General John M. Willis, Commandant Brooke Army Medical Center; Fort Sam Houston, Major General George C. Beach, Jr., commanding Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C.; Major General Malcolm C. Grow, Air Surgeon, and Major General Albert W. Kenner, officer of the Secretary of the Army.

Brigadier General Omar H. Quade, commanding Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado; Brigadier General Edward A. Noyes, chief surgeon ETO; Brigadier General James A. Bethea, Chief Surgeon, Pacific Area; Brigadier General Guy Denit, Surgeon, First Army, and Brigadier General Joseph I. Martin, assistant commandant, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The officers of the Dental Corps selected for permanent grades are Major General Thomas L. Smith, Chief of the Dental Service, SGO, and Brigadier General Walter D. Love, assistant to the Chief of the Dental Service.

Brigadier General James A. McCallam is the Chief of Veterinary Service in the office of the Surgeon General.



RECEIVES PURPLE HEART MEDAL
Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, decorates
First Sergeant Ero Saccone with the Purple Heart, for
wounds received in action in the Philippines.

Purple Heart Medal for Sgt. Saccone

At an informal ceremony held in the office of the Commanding Officer, Colonel Dean F. Winn pinned the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart on First Sergeant Ero Saccone for wounds received in action in the Philippines.

Sergeant Saccone went overseas as a member of Company "C," 194th Tank Battalion, California National Guard, and fought through the Philippine campaign until the surrender in May 1942. He was a prisoner for two years in the Philippines and then removed to Japan where he

was confined for 18 months prior to liberation September 1945.

After his release from the prison camps Sergeant Saccone had a long period of hospitalization as a patient at Madigan General Hospital, Hoff General Hospital, Dibble General Hospital, and finally a ten months siege here at Letterman.

Sgt. Saccone enlisted for duty at Letterman in August of this year and is assigned to the Receiving Office. He is married and the father of two children. The family makes its home in Salinas.

Officers Retired On Disability Face Re-Evaluation

An Associated Press dispatch out of Washington this week announced that an Army-Navy Personnel Board has recommended that all armed forces members who have been retired for physical disability be re-examined, and the Secretary for Defense, Mr. James W. Forrestal, has so advised President Truman.

The Board also has suggested, Mr. Forrestal said, that compensation for physical disability should be related to the percentage of actual disability—as is true of Veterans Administration disability cases today—instead of the 'all or nothing' physical disability which applies to armed service retirement at the present time.

In addition to calling for re-examination of those now on disability retirement, the Army-Navy Board said periodic re-examination should be required for all persons retired on physical grounds.

Mr. Forrestal's interim report to President Truman came as House members studying tax-free disability retirement pay of Army and Navy officers made known they intend to put a lot of questions to a "substantial" number of the 35,000 or more drawing such pensions.

Representative Elston (Republican of Ohio), chairman of an armed services subcommittee, said that as high as 80 per cent of recent retirements of high ranking Army and Navy officers have been for disability reasons.

A plan calling for the re-evaluation of officers retired for physical disability has been under study in the War Department for the past two years and a tentative draft for legislation has been in the making and finds the Personnel Board ready to furnish all appropriate information likely to be sought by Congress.

LGH Information Office Has All the Right Answers

There are times in the Letterman Information Office when having as many arms as an octopus would come in mighty handy. When the phones are ringing, and there's a request to page one of the hospital personnel on the paging system, and someone is waiting to be directed to a particular ward, and it's time to sign for special delivery mail, confusion could result. But the personnel in the Information Office take all that in their stride, because they know all the answers. Well—almost all . . .

For instance, there was the time the following call came in at 4 a. m. "Say, we have a bet on here. Would you mind going down to the mess kitchen and finding out what make of meat-cutting machine the hospital has?" The man on duty couldn't find out who was calling, and the man who was calling didn't find out the answer to his question, either. Screwball questions aren't exactly popular with the Information Office. They have enough necessary questions to answer.

The phones in that office are the busiest in the hospital. Ninety per cent of the incoming calls are handled there, so if 4131 is busy when you call, remember that 90 per cent and be extra patient.

The work of the office goes on around the clock, with personnel on duty 24 hours. They work on shifts that rotate every two weeks, so that everyone gets a chance to work his favorite hours.

At present the office has a staff of eight. Mrs. Marjorie Hecht, who has been at Letterman since April, 1944, is supervisor, and her co-workers are Staff Sergeant Dorothy Bennett, Corporal Gerald Zitzelberger, Corporal Wilbur Monson, Pfc. Edward Warkoczewski, Pfc. Bruce Dryer, Pfc. Gerald McDonald and Pfc. Robert Gibson.

The Information Office maintains active files on patients and duty officers, and has rosters on all duty personnel. All files are kept as up-to-the minute as possible, and a "closed" file showing the names of patients who have left the hospital during the past three months is also available. Inquiries about patients who left more than three months ago are referred to the Registrar's Office.

A rotary file which has the convenience of high visibility was recently installed to replace the box files in which the cards of patients and personnel were formerly kept.



INFORMATION OFFICE STAFF IN ACTION

L. to R.: Mrs. Marjorie Hecht, supervisor; Pfc. Bruce Dryer, S/Sgt. Dorothy Bennett, Cpl. Gerald Zitzelberger.

But all devices for visibility are useless if the inquirer does not know how to spell the name of the person he asks about. This happens more often than you would expect, and necessitates lengthy looking through the cards for the proper name.

There are two phones to handle incoming calls, and a third phone is used to relay messages to patients on the wards. Since patients cannot be reached directly on the wards, incoming messages for them are taken and then phoned to the wards. The third phone is restricted to outgoing calls so there will be no delay in relaying these messages. It ought to be the favorite phone in the office, since it never rings.

Some wards have portable telephones for the use of bed patients, and the Information Office gives callers the number of one of these phones, where available, if they wish to speak directly to the patient.

Long distance calls have the spice of variety, not only geographical but also conversational, especially when operators calling from cities in the deep South add a friendly "honey" to the prescribed terminology of the

telephone company.

During the war the Information Office handled as many as three calls a minute.

Telegrams, special delivery letters, gifts and flowers are all delivered to the Information Office, and they give directory service on these, then notify the proper persons and ask them to call for the letters and packages.

The Christmas rush of extra mail is just getting under way, and is expected to bring the usual large influx of letters, packages and flowers.

Requests to page hospital personnel come to the Information Office, and the voice you hear coming from the loudspeakers on the ramps and in the wards is a "Voice from Information." The messages are repeated at least twice, and are given a third repetition if the message is complicated.

Directing visitors to various spots in and about the hospital is a duty performed expertly and with speed. The directions have been reduced to the simplest possible form, and in a hospital as large as Letterman that's not exactly easy.

The handsome mural which now

decorates one wall of the Information Office has been much admired, and many are the requests for prints of the picture from which it was made. Mrs. Hecht says the mural is not only decorative but is also useful in directing visitors.

Requests for information about "how to get where" are not confined to hospital limits. The question may be one about how to get to almost any spot in the Bay Area, but that's all right with the well-informed personnel.

People who arrive before visiting hours like to chat with the personnel on duty, and one day recently a visitor stopped to show his collection of miniatures, ranging from the smallest business card ever printed (had to be read with a magnifying glass) to the smallest picture ever painted. A visiting WAC who was waiting to see a patient offered to tell the fortunes of those on duty by reading their palms. Never a dull moment in that office.

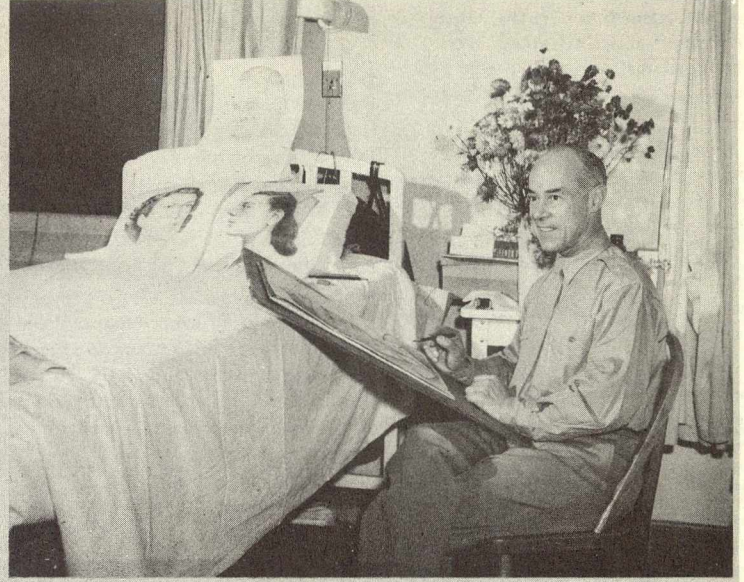
Now if anyone asks you a question about the hospital to which you don't know the answer, you know where to tell them to call. Only don't let it be a question about the meat-cutting machine in the mess.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



YES, IT LOOKS LIKE A SKUNK

But it's only a reasonable facsimile thereof which Magician Bill Sweeney materialized on the HVEC ward show. L to R: Elbert Rankin, patient on ward E-2, Mae Jackson, Bill Sweeney, Marjorie Garretson, Alex Suder.



ARTIST AT WORK

Col. Adolph L. Ramon of Glen Cove, N. Y., patient on ward M-1, works on a drawing of Col. C. S. Stoddard, also an LGH patient. Col. Ramon not only works in oils and water color, but is also a sculptor, and has photographs here of several heads he has modeled.



ALWAYS A CHEERFUL SMILE

From Wiley Parker, in charge of the gas station here at Letterman. He's the man with all the right answers to all the problems of the worried motorist.



DESIGN YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CARD

LGH patients make their own Christmas cards at the O. T. Shop under the guidance of the volunteer Arts and Skills workers. L to R: Anne Roorda, V. F. Yankowski, Rose Roscak, Robert J. Fanning, Wiley Gollihar, Walter Clay, Evelyn Congdon of Arts and Skills, Ken Bear, Don Klein, Andrew Arnold.

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS AT LGH

Christmas at Letterman is traditionally a time of extra-special festivities, and this year holiday events are scheduled daily, beginning tomorrow, 14 December, and continuing every day through 1 January.

During those 19 days no less than 65 separate activities have been arranged for the diversion of patients and duty personnel who will spend Christmas at Letterman.

Among the many organizations that will participate in making the holiday gay are the American Legion, the YMCA, Red Cross, Eastern Star, USO, HVEC, YLI, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, San Francisco Musicians Union, St. Paul's Cathedral Choir, San Francisco Junior College, students of Miss Burke's School, and the Girl Scouts.

Christmas religious services will be held in the post chapel. Recreational activities have been arranged for the wards, at the Recreation Center and at the Army YMCA.

Several dances, a Christmas and a New Year's Eve party, Christmas carollers, special concerts, gift distribution, ward decorating parties, a musical comedy—these are just a few of the many events arranged for the holiday period.

The complete list of Christmas events appears on page 8 of this issue of the Fog Horn. Consult the schedule and make your plans for holiday fun.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Martha Phillips of the Control Office entertained a group of friends at her home recently. Present at the gathering were Lillian Ferguson, Hannah Goldberg, Lennice Herrick, Ruth Staley and Harriet Bakken. During the evening entertainment was furnished by Harriet Bakken at the piano, while Lillian Ferguson played a saxophone solo. Martha also played the piano for the group.

Ella Otto of Officers Personnel became the bride of Lt. Jack W. Stallings, Jr., at a wedding held in the Post Chapel on 12 December. Lt. Stallings is, at present, a patient at Letterman.

Virginia Smith, formerly of Military Personnel, reports to Marion Breach via mail that she is having a wonderful time in Honolulu and also states that she will sail for her home on New Year's eve.

Anita Fellers of Ward S-1 went to Petaluma for the week end. While there she developed a case of laryngitis and couldn't talk for a week.

Helen Lund of the Pay Roll Section reports having a wonderful time during her stay in Salt Lake City but says she was still air dizzy from the plane ride when she returned to work.

Esther Grobler and Maggie Trum-pour are wearing eye-catching glasses and very becoming they are to both the girls.

From the Orthopedic Section comes word that Clara Henriques resigned recently.

Mary Jane Hawley of Ward S-1 visited Carmel during Thanksgiving.

Eating breakfast at the PX Grill on government time is still contrary to good order.

First Christmas tree of the season at Letterman is on view in the lab office, courtesy of Stella Jackson, who not only brought the tree but also the decorations. Even the plant on Stella's desk is part of the Christmas scheme, wearing a red ribbon and with two tiny red candle Christmas trees beside it.

Helen "Sugar" Day of the lab had a sad experience last week at the races. She lost her wallet, which contained not money, but the only winning ticket of the day, good for \$46.50. She had lost on all the other races. Later she found the wallet—empty.

Charlotte Garrett of the Neuro-

WAC

M/Sgt. Opal Glenn had as her house guest this week Mrs. Willard, the former Cindy Slay, who was a member of the detachment cadre here a year ago. Cindy left here then to go East with her husband when he went to OCS. Lieut. Willard is now on his way overseas. Before he left, Sgt. Glenn entertained at her home for the Willards and several former members of the cadre. Guests included Mrs. Liles (the former T/Sgt. Chamberlain), Mrs. Lawton (former S/Sgt. Ragsdale, T/Sgt. Cain, T/Sgt. Drescher, and their husbands.

T/4 Sue Burnett of Physical Therapy will leave 20 December on a 20-day furlough, and will spend the Christmas holidays at home in Long Island, N. Y.

Frances Jenkins won a total of \$00.50 last Saturday. She bet on Mousehole in the handicap, but despite that loss came out money ahead.

Other members of the WAC detachment who will start holiday furloughs during the coming week are M/Sgt. Opal Glenn, who is going to Kilgore, Texas; M/Sgt. Stella Wilson, Riro, West Virginia; T/4 Ethel H. Stepp, Los Angeles; T/3 May Magrath, Barksdale Field, La.

Next Friday the Girls Basketball team has a game scheduled with the WAVES from Treasure Island, and following the game there will be a party in the WAC Day Room.

Congratulations to Stella Goodman of Central Service, who this week received her promotion from Pfc to Technician Fifth Grade.

Detachment Christmas plans were made at a company meeting this week, and there will be a big Christmas party on Monday evening, 22 December, in the WAC Day Room. There will be dancing, food, carol singing, and all the ingredients for a merry time. Each girl may invite one guest.

The girls in barracks 212 are having a small Christmas tree downstairs and a grab bag party, with a gift under the tree for each girl. The girls upstairs have decided to draw names for their gifts.

surgical Section has joined a knitting class at one of San Francisco's department stores, and spends her Saturday afternoons learning to be quick with the knitting needles. Already she has started a sweater destined to be a Christmas gift.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 14 December, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Vets May Pay Insurance By Deduction

Disabled veterans receiving compensation or pension from the Veterans Administration may have their premiums for National Service Life Insurance deducted from their monthly checks, VA reported this week.

In order to arrange deductions a veteran may write or call the nearest Veterans Administration office for the necessary forms.

Other veterans may pay their NSLI premiums monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. The method of paying premiums may be changed at any time on notice to the VA or remittance on the correct premium required under the new mode of payment selected.

California veterans should address inquiries regarding their insurance to the VA Branch 12 Insurance Service, 180 New Montgomery St., San Francisco, 5.

Library

Want to take an arm-chair trip through Latin America? Try "... and points South" by Oden & Oliva Meeker. This new book is their story of a 10-month trip in which they were feasted, intimidated, awed, fattened, pursued, bitten, overestimated, and, one, jailed! They traveled by plane, bus, burro, foot, auto-carril, coastal steamer, river side-wheeler and the cowcatcher of a wood-burning, tropical railroad. A frankly subjective and impressionistic account with an eye to the absurdity of life and an interest in everything from anteaters to encephalitis. In the Library.

ON THE SPOT



STEVE FERENCY
Technician Fourth Grade

Managing basketball teams, umpiring baseball games and working in the newly opened Letterman Bowling Alley show the sport-mindedness of T/4 Steve Ferency.

Ferency has engaged in athletics most of his 21 years, being active on the football, baseball, and basketball teams of his high school in upper New York State where he was born.

Entering the Army in April 1946, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, he was immediately assigned to the Medical Department and was sent to Mayo General Hospital for basic training. At the completion of his basic he worked five months as an assistant to the Dental Laboratory at Mayo.

Ferency first came to Letterman in September 1946. He worked in the Dental Lab here a short time, and was then transferred to the Physical Reconditioning Branch, after two months training as a Physical Reconditioning Specialist at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Working during the day in Letterman's new bowling alley, he instructs patients in the correct approach and proper delivery of the ball. Steve has an average score of 160. In the evening he manages the Letterman basketball team. His team has won eight out of nine games, which speaks well of Sgt. Ferency's managing abilities.

New York and Illinois are Ferency's favorite states. He plans to attend the University of Illinois and major in Physical Education after his discharge from the Army. The only problem he has is deciding which state to settle down in. There is always the possibility that he will return to California, but he says that it is not likely.

Sgt. Ferency obviously likes

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Paul Jobe of Ward E-2 was married December 7 to Miss Clotilde Gutierrez of San Francisco. They plan to make their home here.

Speaking of wedding bells it is rumored that Manuel Barron, patient on Ward 42 is contemplating a trip up the aisle.

Modice Price, Ward K-2, is the justly proud possessor of a new Braille watch. The watch was presented to him by the American Association for the Blind.

Ward 27 is fast becoming the leather work center of the hospital, with four patients working on leather handbags. The patients are Valenti Yankowski, John Warren, Edward Jordon, and Steve Jambor.

Orville Hemberger, a bed patient on Ward K-2 for several months, is finally on his feet and able to get around. The waitresses in the grill can expect another guest for coffee.

Talk about luck—Tom Stewart, Ward 28, won a watch and a radio the same day. The first time he ever won at a raffle.

Julian Aranburu lost an argument last week with a Greyhound bus. Julian, Ward 42, was driving near Hamilton Field when he had a smashup. Julian wasn't hurt, but his car will never look the same.

The Sheik of Ward 28 is Edward Del Moral. He cuts quite a figure in his Levis and "loud" socks.

Larry Joubert, the former chief of police of Ward 28, has lost his title by being transferred to Ward 29. Before he left he appointed Charles Couillard to take his place.

Stanley Krajewski is unhappy with the new cast on his leg. His leg has been propped up in front of him and he can't see across the ward and keep an eye on John "Handsome" Melin. It seems that Melin is a mischievous person and bears watching. All this takes place on that ward of wards—C-2.

"Pappy" Richard Saxe, Ward D-2, claims that a single man must be careful about who or what he gets acquainted with. As an example,

sports. His big dislike is hill-billy music. He even bought a radio so that he could choose his own music, and "drown out" any hill-bill tunes that might be playing within hearing distance.

look what came to visit Charles Gibson. That won't make sense to anyone but those on Ward D-2, but with just about everyone going or gone home for Christmas, news is scarce and this column must be filled.

George Graham has been appointed Honorary Mayor of Ward C-2. He has earned his title by being a help to the nurses and a morale booster to the patients.

John Ford and Don Hill, amputee patients on Ward 42, challenge all comers to a game of "call-shot" pool. They are a hard pair to beat cruising around the table in their wheel chairs.

Calvin Williams is studying law in his spare time on Ward 28. He hopes to pass the California Bar examinations. Everyone wishes you the best of luck, Cal.

Alex Kirby and his wife started to a movie on Guam September 20. They finally were able to see a film together December 6 on Ward D-2. It seems an auto accident intervened. Kirby was hospitalized, then transferred to Letterman. Last Saturday was their first opportunity to attend a movie together.

Felix Sharp can be seen almost any day sitting crosslegged, in his stocking feet, on a table in the OT shop. He is making a wallet. He doesn't use his toes, unless it's while he's lacing the sides of the purse.

Basketball Victory

Letterman's basketball team scored its eighth victory in nine starts last Saturday night by making an impressive win over Peninsula College, 54 to 47. The game was played in the Monterey High School Gym before an enthusiastic crowd.

The LGH hoopsters toured down the peninsula for a two game series, losing the first one to Fort Ord 29 to 42, at the Fort Ord gym.

Richard Brouwer maintained his high point lead by making 19 points in the two games, to bring his total for the season up to 151. Brouwer is followed in order by Fred Houn, 73; Raimon Lehman, 48; Eugene Bellinski, 41; and Earl Doane, 39.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LUCY SELLERS
Corporal

The soft voice that answers "WAC orderly room, Corporal Sellers," when you ring 2361, belongs to a girl with dark curly hair and a nice smile who recently came to Letterman after overseas duty in Italy.

Lucy was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and during the war worked as a machine operator in a factory where G. I. clothes were made. Working on G. I. clothes made her want to wear them herself, and in May 1945 she joined the WAC.

After completing her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, she was sent to Camp Stoneman, where she worked in the war bond allotment office for the next 15 months. During that time she came to like California so much that she decided she wanted to come back here again.

She attended a two-month clerk-typists course at Camp Lee, Virginia, and then went home for a furlough before going overseas. She was stationed in Rome with a small detachment of only 15 WACs, and says she enjoyed her assignment very much. She was on duty with Special Services from December 1946 until October of this year. While in Italy she visited Caserta, Naples, Venice and Leghorn.

When she returned to the States she went home for a furlough, and when it was time for re-assignment she asked for the Sixth Army Area, hoping to get back to California. She came to Letterman and the WAC orderly room in November.

For leisure time diversion Lucy likes dancing best, and right now she is busy getting acquainted with San Francisco.

"What's puppy love, daddy?"

"The beginning of a dog's life, son."



Three members of the Army Nurse Corps will be leaving shortly for overseas duty in Europe, and as a result all three can hum that song "I'll Be Home for Christmas," because about that time they'll be enjoying their pre-embarkation leave. Captain Blanche Hawkins left for Portland, Oregon, this week, and next week Captain Wilma Sandberg and Captain Edith Mercer will go on leave. Captain Sandberg is going to Minneapolis and Middle River, Minnesota, and Captain Mercer to Mannington, West Virginia.

First Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff of Physical Therapy is busy with plans for a Christmas leave to be spent with her brother and sister-in-law in Long Beach.

First Lieut. Kathryn Taylor, ANC (Mrs. Bruce Poynter in civilian life), is being separated from the service this week, and will join her husband in Indianapolis, where they will make their home.

First Lieut. Luella Hughes will be on leave over the holidays, and plans to spend Christmas at her home in Camden, Arkansas.

During the week Lieut. Ruth Campbell and Lieut. Betty Hearn of Physical Therapy were busy with committee work for the Physical Medicine Christmas party held Friday night in the gym. Lieut. Campbell was on the entertainment committee; Lieut. Hearn on the food committee.

Professor: "Will you men in the back of the room please stop exchanging notes?"

Student: "They aren't notes, sir, they're cards. We're playing bridge."

Professor: "Oh, I beg your pardon."

A housewife picked out six apples and handed them to the grocery clerk. "That'll be sixty-five cents, Madam," he said.

She handed the clerk a dollar bill and started walking out.

"Wait, lady. You forgot your change."

"That's all right," she replied sweetly. "I stepped on a grape on the way in."

SHE KNOWS ALL THE MANY INS AND OUTS OF THE SEPARATION OFFICE



Mrs. MARGERY GRANGER
Correspondence Clerk, LGH Separation Office

When Mrs. Margery Granger of the Separation Office gets that far away look in her eye these days it's because she's thinking about the picture of her 11-month-old daughter, Larklyn, that she wants to send to her husband for Christmas (since he won't be home from Saipan for the holiday), or she's trying to decide on the Christmas gift that will give the most fun to her small son, Ken.

Margery is correspondence clerk in the Separation Office, and first came to Letterman in April 1946. Last year she took maternity leave, then came back to LGH in April. Margery's husband is a Chief Petty Officer in the Regular Navy, and had hoped to be home from Saipan for Christmas, but she learned recently that he won't be back until March.

She was born in Port Arthur, Texas and attended Lincoln High School there. Later she went to Prairie View State College, where she first majored in sociology, then changed to business administration. While at Prairie View she worked

as secretary to the president of the college.

In 1944 she took the civil service examination for stenographer, and came to Fort Mason, where she did secretarial work at their Receiving and Assembly warehouse. She later transferred to Letterman. She says of her work in the Separation Office here that she "just loves it."

Much of Margery's free time is taken up with her baby, Larklyn, who has been trying to walk ever since she was only eight months old. Her son Ken is at present in Rayne, Louisiana, with Margery's mother.

While she was in college Margery played basketball, but after an injury to her foot had to give that up. She enjoys playing tennis, particularly with her husband, who she says plays "like a professional."

She loves dancing, and has a number of prizes she won doing exhibition ballroom dancing with her brother. Music is another one of her interests. She plays the piano, and says she wishes that someday she could go back to college and specialize in music.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

A recent set of special orders included the promotion of eight Hospital Train Section men. The new Technical Sergeants are: Albert Mills, Mack Nicholls, Melvin Drasher and Kenneth Dougherty. "Buck" Sergeants are Harold Carey, Bob Willhite, Don Morgan and Charles Harper.

Back in the army after trying civilian life for a while are Sgt. Glenn Long and Pfc. Elbert Riley. Both reenlisted at Letterman for direct assignment to the Train Section. Sgt. Long tried two years of civilian life after twenty-eight months of overseas duty. He was with the Medical Detachment of the 51st Troop Carrier Wing in the Italian Campaign, and was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant. The other reenlistee, Riley, has departed on a thirty day furlough.

Sgt. Harold Carey and T/5 John Keppel were "Sick in Quarters" this week following operations at Letterman. Sgt. Don Morgan was awaiting the surgeon's knife all week, meanwhile getting a good rest on Ward C-1.

Members of the HTS Officers' Club celebrated Lt. Col. Wilson Smith's birthday at the club's weekly party, presenting him with a large birthday cake.

T/5 Paul Lynch departed for his home in New Bedford, Mass. this week on emergency furlough after receiving word of his father's death.

Others on furlough are T/3 Harold Eads and T/4 Raymond Gray.

T/5 Frank Krasnansky and Pfc. Anthony Simat left the army for civilian life last week.

Members of the Enlisted Detachment were commended following last week's inspection by Col. Smith and Captain Robert Allen.

Train Section men due to be discharged during December include Sgt. Bob Willhite and Harold Carey, Cpls. Dino Pocaro and Bill Warden, T/5's Allen Hill, Ray Housely, James Szelinski, Alvin Turner, Roy Montgomery, and Pfc. Lewis Augustine.

Though not mentioned in the Morning Report, "Queenie," the Train Section's mascot was undergoing treatment at the post veterinary clinic. She received a series of inoculations and had a minor operation.

MEDICAL DETACH

Al Vendouris, the genial sergeant from Southern California, appears to know every WAC and duty man in the hospital. When seen in the ramp, he is always busy saying howdy to everyone.

A 'thank you' should be extended to the hearty group of people who travelled to Centerville, California to cheer on the Presidio football team. Our rooting section was made up of such veterans as Jim Hilliard, Al Eyles, Marion Wells, and Chris Liossis. The bus driver, Harry Doyle, finally got the group to the field in time to get into the bleachers and get soaked. Despite the rain and the breezes, Okey Coleman and Dorothy Gustafson seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Unfortunately the score wound up 25-0 in favor of Washington High School of Centerville.

S/Sgt. James Holland is on a 30-day furlough. He has gone to Washington D. C., his home.

Fred Haney won \$7.50 on the Louis-Walcott fight.

Harry Sagar won \$15.00 on the seventh race and lost it on the eighth at Bay Meadows recently.

S/Sgt. Marshall Noel, a recent addition to the detachment, is working in the Dental Service. He gained his experience while a Pharmacists Mate 1/c in the Navy.

With the hospital planning to go on a short schedule for the holidays, Christmas enthusiasm is mounting rapidly. Convalescent Services, whose members include "Romeo" Jack Cratty, "Big Deal" Jim Horton, and "Patient" Le Roy Hessler, has been designated to decorate the Mess Halls. So when you find holiday trimmings hanging down in your chow—it's simply courtesy of these fancy decorators.

A note to Russ Vizzi in the Chaplain's Office: although New Jersey is the Garden State to some, it is a mosquito state to others.

Oscar: "What are my chances, Doc?"

Doctor: "You'll come out of it. Statistics show that nine out of ten die from what you've contracted, but you needn't worry."

Oscar: "Why, Doc?"

Doctor: "The last nine men I treated for this disease all died. You're the tenth."

CAPTAIN TARO NOTIFIED OF HIS APPOINTMENT TO REGULAR ARMY



Captain ALFRED L. TARO, MSC
To leave soon for duty in Hawaii

Captain Alfred L. Taro, MSC, whose assignments during his two tours of duty at Letterman have ranged from "assistant to the Assistant Adjutant" to assistant director of Convalescent Services, with many "additional duties" on the side, this week received word of his appointment to the Regular Army. The news came just as he was preparing to leave for duty in Hawaii. He will report to Camp Stoneman next week, and is at present in Seattle on pre-embarkation leave.

Captain Taro was born in Everett, Washington, and attended high school there. He moved to Seattle in 1928, and studied at the University of Washington, where he majored in Economics and Business Administration. After he left college he was with the Department of Lighting, City of Seattle, as personnel administrator and later as a member of the cost accounting department.

He came into the Army in Aug-

ust 1942, and went first to Fort Lewis, Wash., where his personnel experience was put to good use classifying and interviewing recruits. In May of 1943 he went to OCS at Camp Barkley, Texas, and upon receiving his commission in September reported to Letterman.

Captain Taro was at Letterman for two years, then in September 1945, was assigned as personnel officer on the Army hospital ship "Emily H. M. Weder." After one trip to Manila he was transferred to the "Arcadia" as Adjutant, and was aboard that ship on trips to Manila and Hawaii.

In March 1946 he returned to duty at Letterman, this time as aide to the Commanding General. Since then his duties have included his final assignment as assistant director of Convalescent Services, as well as his activities as secretary of the Letterman Officers' Club.

For his assignment in Hawaii, Captain Taro will report to Fort Shafter, Honolulu. Mrs. Taro will accompany him to his new station.

Pension Changes

Effective 25 July 1947, the compensation to the widow of a serviceman who dies while on active duty was changed from war-time rate of \$60 per month to the peacetime rate of \$38 per month with similar changes in compensation to other eligible dependents. This has the effect of reducing the potential income estate of the serviceman by \$22 a month at last. Thus it is increasingly incumbent on the serviceman with dependents to own and maintain the maximum amount of Government Insurance in order to supplement pension payments to dependents.

Monthly payments to beneficiaries from Government Insurance under Settlement Options Nos. 2, 3 and 4 are usually higher than those paid by non-government insurance under similar type options. It is therefore desirable to consider settlement of Government Insurance on a monthly payment or Life Income basis and settlement of non-government insurance on a lump sum basis if a choice has to be made to provide immediate cash funds.

Proceeds from Government Insurance are exempt also from all taxation and are not included as income of a widow in applying for a non-service connected death pension which carries an income limitation of \$1000 per year if without dependent children.

Thus it may be seen that a future veteran or retired serviceman who dies of a non-service connected disability could be jeopardizing his widow's entitlement to a pension by dropping his Government Insurance to replace it with non-government insurance if payable on a Life or Family Income basis should such income in addition to others exceed pension requirements.

For VA Forms and information concerning Government Insurance, contact Insurance Officer, Room 213.

Library

"The Sierra Nevada; the Range of Light" is the title of the newest book in the American Mountain series. Descriptions and tales of its trails, trees, geology, sports, birds, climate, etc. are included. Good reading, and the illustrations are excellent, make a camera-fiend's mouth water! In the Library.

Teacher: "You, White, what is fortification?"

Student: (After much thought): "Why, it's two twentifications."

Christmas

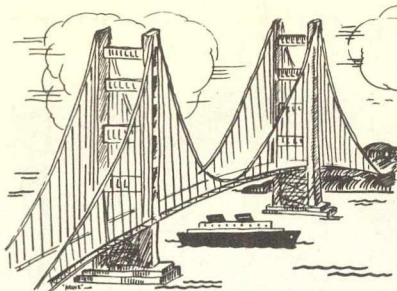
Greetings

Busy Yuletide
Calendar Promises
Happy Holidays
For Lettermen
Personnel

1947 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
14 DECEMBER		
1430—	Christmas Tea, Earstern Star	Wards N-1, S-1
1830—	Tea Dance	Letterman Officers' Club
15 DECEMBER		
1900—	YLI Choral Group	Wards
1900-2100—	Christmas Corner Decorating Parties, Wards to be covered by Red Cross Staff and volunteers	Wards B-1, B-2, C-2, S-1, K-2, O-2, 28, 42
1915—	The Corn Is Ripe, Sixth Army Special Services Presentation	Army YMCA
16 DECEMBER		
1400—	Christmas Tea, Red Cross	Wards K-1, K-3, M-1, M-2
1400-1600—	HVEC Shows	Wards
1930—	Stamp Club Christmas Party—Red Cross	Recreation Building
2000—	Bingo	Letterman Officers' Club
17 DECEMBER		
1400—	Tree Decorating Tea—Red Cross	Ward F-1, N-1
1400—	Decoration of Recreation Hall, Red Cross	Recreation Building
1900—	Young Peoples' Choir, St. Paul's Cathedral	Wards
1900—	Tree Parties—Red Cross	Wards B-2, E-2, C-2, F-2, 40, 43
2000—	Christmas Formal Dance	Army YMCA
18 DECEMBER		
1900—	Tree Parties—Red Cross	Wards C-1, D-2, E-1, N-2
1915—	USO Camp Show, "Take It Easy," Special Svcs	Army YMCA
19 DECEMBER		
1400-1600—	Christmas Corner Judging—Special Services and Red Cross	All Bed Patients and Restricted Wards
1400-1600—	HVEC Shows	Wards
2030—	Square Dancing "Swing Your Partner"	Army YMCA
20 DECEMBER		
1830—	Formal Dinner Dance	Letterman Officers' Club
2000—	Juke Box Cabaret, Dancing, Floor Show Refreshments	Army YMCA
21 DECEMBER		
1000—	Special Christmas Program	Post Chapel
1400—	Party, Gifts Distribution—Vets. Foreign Wars	Recreation Hall
1400—	Christmas Card Spree—Red Cross	Ward S-1
1900—	VFW Stage Show	Recreation Hall
1900—	YLI Choral Group	Wards
1900—	Burke School Carollers	Wards
22 December		
1400-1600—	Band Concert, SF Musicians' Union	Letterman Patio
1400—	Decoration of Mess Halls—Special Services	East, Central, A-1 Mess
1900—	Christmas Formal Dance—Special Services	Recreation Hall
1900—	Carollers, SF Junior College	Wards
1900—	Christmas Parties—Red Cross	S-1, E-1, E-2, B-2, C-2
1915—	HVEC & SF Examiner Gala Christmas Show	Army YMCA

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
23 DECEMBER		
1530—	Christmas Party, Children—Special Services	Recreation Hall
1300-1700—	Christmas Program, HVEC & SF Examiner Presentation	Wards
1800—	Christmas Cantata—Disabled American Vets	Recreation Hall
1900—	Christmas Carols—Elks	Wards
2000—	Bingo	Letterman Officers' Club
24 DECEMBER		
1830-1900—	Christmas Ward Program—Distribution of Gifts, Carols, Parties—Red Cross	All Bed Patients Wards
1900—	Grace Cathedral Carollers	Wards
1900-2100—	Christmas Program, Elks	Wards
2000—	Christmas Eve Dance—Carols, Refreshments	Army YMCA
25 DECEMBER		
0600-0800—	Christmas Masses	Post Chapel
0730—	Christmas Breakfast—Red Cross	Ward S-1
0900—	Open House—Red Cross	Recreation Hall
1000—	American Legion, Distribution of Gifts	Wards
All Day—	Christmas Day "Open House," Refreshments	Army YMCA
26 DECEMBER		
1400-1600—	HVEC Shows	Wards
2030—	Square Dancing	Army YMCA
27 DECEMBER		
2000—	Juke Box Cabaret, Dancing, Refreshments, Special All-Star Show	Army YMCA
28 DECEMBER		
1900—	Girl Scouts Entertainment	Wards
29 DECEMBER		
1900—	Sarazen Girls Chorus	Wards
1900—	New Year's Eve Party—Red Cross	S-1
1900—	New Year's Eve Party—Red Cross	Recreation Hall
1915—	Stage Show	Army YMCA
30 DECEMBER		
1400-1600—	HVEC Shows	Wards
2000—	Bingo	Letterman Officers' Club
31 DECEMBER		
All Day to Midnight—	Open House	Army YMCA
1900—	New Year's Eve Ward Parties, Red Cross	Bed Patients, Wards
2000—	Buffet Supper	Army YMCA
2030—	Dance, Orchestra	Army YMCA
2130—	Professional Floor Show	Army YMCA
2200—	Formal New Year's Eve Party	Letterman Officers' Club
1 JANUARY		
1100—	Commanding Officer's Reception	Letterman Officers' Club



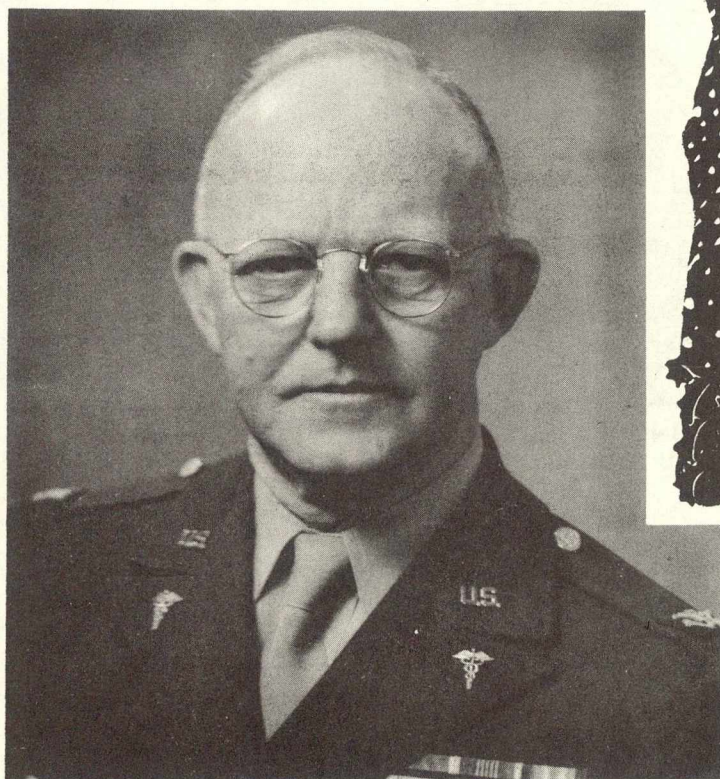
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Christmas Greetings



This Christmas season finds us long removed from the tumult of war but in our midst we still have the men and women of the armed forces who bear the marks of battle. The peace we hoped for when the fighting ceased is yet to become a realization devoutly sought.

As we commemorate the birthday of the Prince of Peace I wish to express to our patients my best wishes for a very Happy Christmas attended by individual and world peace expanding in the new year just ahead of us.

To our duty personnel, the men and women of the Letterman staff, I wish to add my deep appreciation for the task well done and may the New Year bring them all good things.

DEAN F. WINN
Colonel, Medical Corps
Commanding

Christmas Will Be Festive Here At Letterman

With glittering Christmas trees on all the wards, and interior and exterior holiday decorations all around the hospital, Letterman prepared this week for its traditionally festive Christmas.

Special entertainment events, both on and off the post, are scheduled for every day between now and New Year's Day. There will be parties on the wards, and the Recreation Center and at the Army YMCA. Band concerts, Christmas carollers, dances, and shows, are all on the list of festivities.

A feature of Christmas morning will be the distribution of gifts to every patient by the American Legion. The Red Cross will distribute gifts to each patient on Christmas Eve. Both the Army YMCA and the Red Cross will hold open house on Christmas Day.

The annual Childrens' Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, 23 December, in the Recreation Center. The San Francisco Examiner and the Hospitalized Veterans' Entertainment Committee will cooperate in two entertainments, one on Monday evening at the "Y," and another on Tuesday afternoon on the wards.

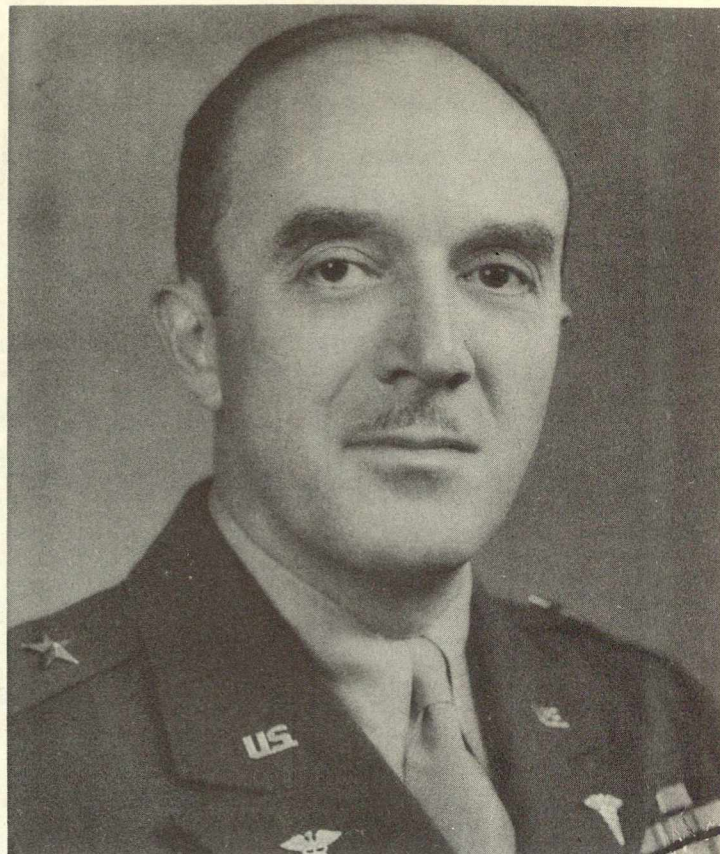
For that meal of meals, Christmas dinner, the roast turkey with chestnut dressing will be surrounded by such specialties as fresh shrimp cocktail, buttered green peas, cranberry sauce, fruit cake, and special ice cream moulded in the shape of snowballs, Christmas stockings, Santas, and turkeys. Special Christmas decorations and favors will give tables and trays that holiday look.

For the religious observance of Christmas Day there will be Masses in the Letterman chapel at 0600 and 0800 on Christmas morning. The Protestant Christmas service will be held in the chapel at 1000 on Sunday morning, 21 December.

Medical Dept. Heads Send Holiday Greetings to Letterman



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS
Surgeon General of U. S. Army



Brigadier General GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG
Deputy Surgeon General of U. S. Army

Merry Christmas

To our sick and wounded in Letterman General Hospital I wish to extend my best wishes for a happy holiday season, and to the Commanding Officer, the officers, enlisted men and women the same good wishes as well as my sincere appreciation for what they have done during the year to maintain the high standards of the Medical Department.

RAYMOND W. BLISS
Major General, U. S. Army
The Surgeon General

It is a privilege to echo the sentiments of the Surgeon General in wishing the patients at Letterman General Hospital a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are proud of the care given you by the personnel of the Medical Department and we will leave nothing undone in the years ahead to keep our professional services abreast of all the advances in medical science.

GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Deputy Surgeon General

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



TRAINING COMPLETED
Colonel Kermit H. Gates, executive officer, presents certificates of training to five men who have completed training as Neuro-Psychiatric technicians. L to R: Cpl. Theodore G. Nelson, Pvt. George F. Beldin, Pfc. Kenneth B. Holtzclaw, Pvt. Junior L. Simmons, Pvt. Jacob Martinez, Jr., Col. Gates.



GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS
Ward F-1 starts decorating the tree for their Red Cross Christmas Corner entry. Patients Charles Hanshaw and Charles Bailey have the able assistance of Gray Lady Lucile Greenbach.



MAKING HIS CHRISTMAS GIFT
Andrew Arnold, patient on ward B-2, works on his Christmas gifts in the Occupational Therapy Shop, under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Montgomery of Arts and Skills.



PLENTY OF PARCELS
But the postoffice staff meets the Christmas rush - - both outgoing and incoming - - with a smile. L to R: Lucas Madamba, George A. Perry, Customer Lillian Jones of Dental Clinic, Frederick J. Lease, superintendent, Gene Lunn.

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EDITORIAL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Part of the first Christmas message was "... on earth peace to men of good will." In the modern world it seems that peace is more difficult to achieve, not only the peace of nations, but also the small personal peace of the individual.

One of Webster's definitions for peace is "a state of tranquillity or quiet." It is also defined as "harmony in personal relations." These are the definitions that apply to the individual; they are the ones that make for personal happiness.

There is little enough in the well known rush of Christmas to suggest this quality of peace. But everyone who takes thought knows how desirable a quality it is; how it enhances the enjoyment of life. It is well worth attaining.

At Christmas time it should be easy to be full of good will toward everyone. And if the happenings in the outside world are frightening in their implication of what is to come in the always uncertain future—that is all the more reason for working to create personal peace and good will.

There is a Christmas carol with a line that goes "God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay." Though it is an old song, it carries good counsel for the world of today.

God rest you—and Merry Christmas.

WAC

Wedding bells rang out for Cpl. Janice Copus and Cpl. Thomas H. Deming, a patient on Ward 41. Congratulations!

Rose Ruscaks' magnetic smile is at a new high. After eight months as a patient she will enjoy a leave at Palm Springs, California, and then rejoin the WAC Detachment. Welcome home, Rose.

A visit to Sgt. Violet Collings on Ward R and Blanche Tremblay on N-1 would brighten their days. Holiday cheer to you both.

Happy holiday furlough to T/4 Aletha Birchfield who is off to Fontana, California; T/4 Frances Black to Los Angeles, California; T/3 Frances W. Jenkins to Racine, Wisconsin (don't slip on Johnson's Wax or E/R will be out "Waxy" tales); T/4 Fay Lavagnino to Hawaii, and Capt. Charlotte Woodworth to Grand Island, Nebraska.

Welcome to Captain Margaret Lasseter, who will watch over the WACS while Captain Woodworth enjoys the wide open spaces of Nebraska.

Spirit of good fellowship, warmth, and fun were much in evidence after the basketball game (WAVES vs. LGH) Tuesday night. The winner "LGH." A good time was had by all. Nice going, gals.

T/4 Henrietta Callari of Out-Patient Service believes in the adage "Service with a Smile" and it is a smile.

Christmas spirit is high in the detachment. A WAC party will be held Monday 22 December, and guests are invited. Get your bids in, men; refreshments, dancing, and trimming the tree are the order of the evening.

Toni Lester is lending her support to the LGH Basketball team. Welcome, Toni. "A WAC is a WAC for all that." Civilian life does not affect one's loyalties.

Greetings

Mrs. Lois Moran Young, longtime Letterman wonder worker, sends greetings to all here from her new home in Beverly Hills.



Lt. Betty Tuhovak Cook is being transferred to the Station Hospital at Ft. Meade, Maryland, to join her husband who is stationed there. Good Luck!

A new shipment of seersucker uniforms arrived this week and Lieut. Lenore Keyes is the first to appear for duty with the "new look."

Physical Medicine had a gala fete at the Gymnasium graced by the presence of Lieut. Bob Trask, who considers himself part of the staff, ex-officio. Everyone trimmed the tree which added to the gaiety of the festivities.

Bouquets to MC Sgt. Leslie Harvey for his inimitable take-offs and "fines" that kept everyone hilarious.

The "Magi," Major Frank Anna-berg, was responsible for causing rapid pulses and heart palpitations. He stood on his head while drinking a quart of water and also while playing the trumpet. These were just two out of his bag of tricks.

Lucky people were the following prize winners: Sgt. and Mrs. Willard Seals, waltz champions; Lieut. Betty Hearn, nylons; Cpl. Robert Kelly, a kelly green tie, loud but cheerful; Capt. Alfred Abteman, a tie; Lieut. Leith Shaffer, a set of combs; Lieut. Bob Trask, a box of chocolate mints.

Christmas carols with Mrs. Clifford Bailey at the piano, added to the merriment of the party; and it was a merry, merry one.

Bouquets to Capt. Velma Richardson for the elegant decorative centerpieces and decorations and tasteful array of goodies.

Season's greetings to the following dietitians, who are off to enjoy their friends and families: Lieut. Elizabeth Stevenson to Los Vegas, Nevada; Lieut. Jean Hawkins to Grand Forks, N. Dak.; and to Lieut. Beulah Nye to Litchfield, California.

Lt. Loraine A. Odbierzychleb, now Mrs. Jean Vivas, is on her way to being a civilian. Good Luck!

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 21 December, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Masses Christmas Day

at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Children's Party

The annual Christmas Tree party for the children of the command will be held in the Recreation Center on Tuesday, 23 December at 1530 o'clock. Santa Claus will be present in person to distribute gifts to the children and there will be appropriate entertainment as part of the program.

The committee on arrangements headed by Mrs. Dean F. Winn as chairman, assisted by Mrs. Kermit H. Gates, Mrs. Thomas H. Werry, and Mrs. Charles F. Lewis, developed the program in co-operation with the recreational staff of the American Red Cross of Letterman and the San Francisco chapter of the Red Cross. The Special Services division also lent a helpful hand.

N-P Technicians Complete 8-Week Training Here

Certificates of training were presented last week by Colonel Kermit H. Gates, executive officer, to seven men who completed an eight-week applicatory training course as Neuro-Psychiatric technicians here at Letterman. Basic work of the course was taken at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Those who received the certificates were: Cpl. Theodore G. Nelson, Pvt. George F. Beldin, Pfc. Kenneth B. Holtzclaw, Pfc. James W. Adams, Pvt. Junior L. Simmons, Pvt. Jacob Martinez, Jr., and Pvt. Raymond E. Wilcox.

Upon completion of the course, the men were assigned to stations at medical installations in the Zone of the Interior and overseas.

ON THE SPOT



JIM HILLYARD
Sergeant

In the three and one-half years Sgt. Jim Hillyard has been in the Army he has traveled a good many miles.

He left high school to enter the service in July 1943, when he was 18 years old. The first assignment Jim had in the Army was in ships complement on the hospital ship "Emily Weder." While assigned to the Weder his Commanding Officer was Lt. Tom Turner, who is now in the same department as Sgt. Hillyard here at Letterman.

The first trip that Sgt. Hillyard made as a sea-going sailor aboard the Weder took him on a five months cruise through the Mediterranean. On this first voyage he had an opportunity to visit Africa, Italy, Corsica and Southern France.

The next trip took him through the Panama Canal to the Pacific. It was on this voyage that he made his first trip across the Equator, and was initiated into the Royal Order of Shellbacks. The initiation was concluded by a "ducking" in a pool that had been built on the deck for that purpose. Jim crossed the Equator eleven more times, but never had the opportunity to initiate anyone else. He hopes that some day he will make another voyage so that he can be the one to do the initiating.

At the close of the war Jim had been to the Philippines, Japan and New Guinea. When the ship next returned to the States he was sent to Camp Haan, Calif., and discharged in November 1945.

Jim returned to his home in Belington, W. Va., and re-entered high school there long enough to get his diploma.

After re-enlisting in July 1946, he was at Fort Sam Houston for a brief time, then was transferred to Letterman.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The man you see cruising through the halls reading comic books is Victor Jacquot. He is always in possession of at least one copy of this O.C.S. material, reading them in the chow line; waiting for a movie to start; on the ward or wherever else he might be.

Everyone is hoping that William Ferguson will soon be able to enjoy a good meal again. Christmas Eve will mark two years since his last good one. William is a patient on Ward C-1.

Picking 16 winners out of a possible 20 in the football pool earned a new Philco Radio for Joe Case of ward D-2.

The patients on Ward C-2 are moanin' and groanin' over the loss of their two favorite nurses, Lieutenants Helen Sutliff and Billie Esternan.

Ward K-2 has a new Chief Director of Operations. Kenneth Spinks is up and around in a wheel chair, following a long stretch in bed. He wheels about the ward directing the seasonal tree trimming and other such operations. He has a full squad of ambulatory patients at his command and really keeps them on the ball.

The red socks that Fred Knight of Ward 29 wears eliminate the necessity of public address system. The socks are so loud they have been wired for sound.

Wonder what door Joe Stuart ran into, to acquire the beautiful mouse he is sporting these days? It might have been the one leading into Ward 28, but it is rather doubtful.

Between Jim Hood with his new teeth and Clinton Logas back from school and eating every meal at the mess hall, the food bill has skyrocketed.

Being assigned to the 2nd Division at Fort Lewis is the New Year's wish of Pat McAlpine, Ward C-48. Pat thinks that Fort Lewis is the only place for a man to soldier and he is ready to return to duty.

His first job here was in the Personnel Office where he remained one year. He was then re-assigned to the Clinical Laboratory and has worked there ever since.

Sgt. Hillyard's hobby is collecting rings. He now has 25 in his collection, ranging in value from \$20 to \$50 each. His other main diversions are concerts and musical movies.

Ralph Harris, the Lothario of Ward 27, is attending the O. T. Shop quite frequently of late. His buddies say that it isn't the craft work that interests him, though.

John Melvin, Lawrence Brau, Harvey Chelf, who are all patients on Ward C-2, are considering the formation of a Pretzel Brigade. The three of them are tied to their bunks and overhead bars in a manner that closely resembles pretzels.

It was reported in this column last week that Eddie Del Moral is in the habit of wearing levis and bright socks. He admits to having a rather noisy taste in hosiery but he says he hasn't worn a pair of Levis since he was 17 years old—that's about 11 months ago.

When Marie "The Body" MacDonald visited Ward E-2 last week she created quite a stir. When after singing a few songs she walked over to talk to Jim Gemetti, all Jim had to say was, "Turn out the lights!"

You've undoubtedly heard of people misplacing various articles of clothing, leaving them strewn here and there, but have you ever heard of a man losing a belt? Leon Peerboom, Ward C-2, lost his last week and can't remember where it might have been.

One of the collecting collectors in the hospital is Paul Weinhold, Ward 29. He has a large suitcase full of stamps.

LeRoy Hessler, the Presidio football player who injured his leg and wound up in the hospital, is becoming very popular with a pretty WAC brunette. Don't know her name—yet!

Famed Bill "Bojangles" Robinson entertained patients on the wards this week with his stories and dancing, and as an extra added attraction, the long-time headliner persuaded his wife Elaine to do a dance number with him.

Library

Some new Whodunits in the Library: "A Dirge for Her," by Virginia Rath, a murder of a movie actress with San Francisco as the backdrop; "The Foggy Foggy Dew," by Amber Dean; "Let the Tiger Die," by Manning Coles; "Bury Me Deep," by Harry Q. Masur. Come get one, and read yourself to sleep! In the Library.

WAC OF THE WEEK



OLIVE A. BADGER
Sergeant

"Polly" may sound like a surprising nickname for someone whose name is Olive—meaning Sergeant Olive A. Badger of the WAC detachment—but after all, phonetically speaking, it's just a step from Ollie to Polly, so that's how it came about.

Sergeant Badger was born in Woodstock, Vermont, but her home is now in Rutland, in the same state. Her father lives there, and her brother, who was formerly in the Army. Before she joined the WAC, Polly worked in Rutland as a librarian, but decided to desert library work for the Army.

She enlisted in March 1944, and went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for her basic training. Her first assignment was at an air Corps rest camp in Atlantic City, N. J. She worked as a dental assistant, and spent two summers and one winter at the East Coast resort town. Her next duty station, to which she went in the fall of 1946, was Saacs Field, San Antonio, Texas, and after six months there she went to Scott Field, St. Louis, Missouri, for another six months.

Overseas duty in Italy followed. She was at Casert and Leghorn, and was overseas just one year to the day.

Polly returned to the States in October, and after a 15-day furlough at her home in Vermont, she came to Letterman, where she was assigned to duty in the Dental Annex.

Her list of "likes" includes deep-sea fishing, the movies and "picture-snapping." She likes to do her own developing and printing whenever possible.

"Well," said the egg in the monastery, "out of the frying pan into the friar."

CIVIL CIRCLES

The \$1000 increase in salary for all federal civil service employees sounds just like Santa Claus at this season. Suggest we do not spend it until we get it.

Mrs. Alice Thompson of the Post Exchange is flying to Fresno on 23 December to meet her husband, Bill, and they will then drive to Palos Verdes States, Calif., to spend Christmas. Mrs. Thompson will return to duty on 29 December.

Ruth Staley and her baby daughter left by plane last week to spend two months vacation in Minnesota with her parents.

Bernice Blake of the Sergeant Major's office is spending her vacation at home preparing for the holidays.

Isabel Franks of the Post Exchange is recuperating from a serious injury resulting from an automobile accident. Our best wishes to her for a rapid recovery.

Wedding bells are in the offing for Mary Ivory of Civilian Personnel who is wearing a beautiful diamond engagement ring.

Betsy Funston of Separation Center is very proud of her greenhouse in Marin County. She will raise miniature daffodils and roses which she is sending for from different parts of the country.

Hazel McElhatton of the Post Exchange is spending her vacation here in San Francisco.

Margery Granger, Separation Office, was heartbroken over the results of the annual Fruit Bowl football game between Prairie View College and Wilbur Force College of Ohio recently played in Prairie View, Texas. The score was 26-0, in favor of Wilbur Force College and Margery is a Prairie View alumnus.

Esther Kleinlaus of the Detachment of Patients office is back from sick leave.

Bernice Dixon of the PX got back from a three-week leave spent in Carmel just in time to be on hand for the rush of Christmas buying.

Library

"The Cold War," by Walter Lippmann, in his answer to "Mr. X" of the State Department. His view is that in spite of the great power of the United States we cannot afford to overextend our foreign commitments, and should primarily seek to uphold our basic security zone in Western Europe. The article by "Mr. X" is in "Foreign Affairs" reader. Both are in the Library.

SHE'LL STAND FOR "B" OR "LIZ," BUT NOT FOR "BETTY,"—PLEASE!



Miss ELIZABETH THOMAS
Classification Analyst at Letterman

Miss Elizabeth Thomas, who recently came to Letterman as classification analyst for the hospital, has a wide background of experience in her field, having been a classification analyst with the Army since 1942. In addition to her skill in this field, she is rapidly acquiring skill in another—the art of successful commuting. Her home is in Berkeley, and she spends about three hours a day en route to home or office. No doubt this is a fine way to get a lot of extra thinking done, but Elizabeth is almost ready to give up and desert Berkeley for San Francisco.

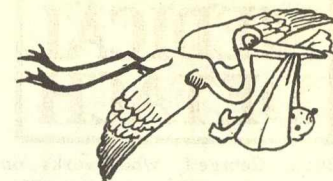
She was born in Minnedosa, Manitoba, which is near Winnipeg, and lived there until she was nine years old. Then the family moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon. A later move to Berkeley coincided conveniently with Elizabeth's desire to attend the University of California, where she majored in History.

Before she became a civilian employee of the Army, she worked for a time for the California State Automobile Association in San Francisco. In January 1942 she began work at Fort Mason, with the San Francisco General Depot, and on

her first job, doing secretarial work in the office of the CO there, she was on the graveyard shift. When the depot moved to the Oakland port, and later, as the California Quartermaster Depot, had headquarters in downtown Oakland, Elizabeth began her work in the field of classification analysis, receiving special training. She remained with the depot as classification analyst until May of this year. During the summer she vacationed at her brother's ranch in Oregon, and says she thought of herself as a farmerette, what with the various kinds of work she did on the ranch. She came to Letterman in November.

Her leisure time diversions include swimming, dancing, concerts, ballet, the theatre (with a special fondness for Shakespearean drama), and reading. She enjoys music, and collects classical records. She is one of the lucky people who will see the Rose Bowl game, so she is looking forward to the holidays with special pleasure.

Elizabeth does not like the customary nickname of Betty, but the name "Elizabeth" is so susceptible to shortening that her friends like to call her "Liz" or "B."



To Major and Mrs. Richard Taylor Farrell, a boy, **Robert Cullen**, born 25 November.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Dewey Franklin, a boy, **Alan Ray**, born 25 November.

To Capt. and Mrs. Clarence W. Parkham, Jr., a boy, **William Lash**, born 26 November.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Anthony Lopez, a girl, **Ardian Elana**, born 28 November.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Aloysious P. Ewen, a girl, **Phelta Louise**, born 29 November.

To T/5 and Mrs. George Nelson Lucas, a girl, **Nelda Kay**, born 29 November.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. George M. Vinson, twin girls, **Susan and Karen**, born 30 November.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Raymond Daniel, a girl, **Delores Kay**, born 2 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William G. Dodd, a boy, **Jeffrey Allen**, born 2 December 1947.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Zapolsky, twin boys, **Edward Jerome and Thomas Ronald**, born 2 December.

To Chaplain and Mrs. Haywood K. Cross, a girl, **Kathleen Emily**, born 3 December.

To Captain and Mrs. Kenneth M. Fulcher I, a boy, **Kenneth M. Fulcher II**, born 3 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Richard J. Buckman, Sr., a boy, **Richard J. Buckman, Jr.**, born 3 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. J. V. Young, a girl, **Rebecca Jeanne**, born 4 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Frederick Alan Adolph, Sr., a boy, **Frederick Alan, Jr.**, born 4 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Jack H. Christensen, a boy, **Dana Eric**, born 5 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Roy Roush, a girl, **Judy Lynn**, born 6 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John D. Watkins, a girl, **Elena Rae**, born 7 December.

MEDICAL DETACH

Butch Georgeff, who works on Ward 28, was told recently, "You must choose between a haircut or a dog collar." Doesn't look as though the choice has been made yet.

Ray Simi has moved in on the Commies. Since his transfer to the Provost Marshal's Office, he has been taking notes furiously. His list includes a fellow who received a Christmas package this week covered with red paper and another detach man who initials are R. E. D.

Congrat's to Bruce Dryer and Ed-die Warkcozewski of the Information Desk. They are now Corporals. There are two new additions to the Information Office staff. Orvil Robertson from Brooke General Hospital and Sterling Knight, late of the Detachment of Patients, are the new men.

The Christmas trees in the entrance hall of the Administration Building bear very novel decorations. It must have taken lots of patience to fashion them. The design in the ramp facing the main door is worth your notice too. Speaking of trees, the Special Servicers are quite busy making stands and fixing up these Pines.

S/Sgt. Leslie Harvey from the Swimming Pool displayed a huge bandage on his hand a short while ago. Further questioning revealed he was wounded while attempting to open a can of baby food for his son.

Jack Cratty is now in "status mobile." Along with the 'automobile' he is repairing for Sergeant Jenkins he has acquired a 1937 Willys named Andy Gump. "And it runs too," so he says.

M/Sgt. George Barte returned last week from Fitzsimmons General Hospital where he delivered a prisoner-patient. George wanted to do a little reading on the way, so he went prepared. However, the high spots of Denver out-weighed all the books.

T/Sgt. Herbert Newton knows all the answers regarding the Hospital Inspector's Office. If you don't believe it, think up a good one and ask him.

Policeman: "Lady, your dog has just been run over by a steam roller."

Lady: "All right, slide him under the door."

HE SEES TO IT THAT THE MAIL GETS TO THE RIGHT PLACE—RIGHT NOW



T/Sgt. PAUL Q. BIRD
Supervisor of LGH Post Office Locator Section

"Who and Where" are two questions of major importance in the life of T/Sgt. Paul Quilling Bird. As supervisor of the Letterman post-office locator section, he needs to have in his office the most up-to-the-minute information on current locations of patients and duty personnel, so that incoming mail can be delivered promptly and efficiently. Sergeant Bird has had a lot of experience with this work, having worked on postoffice assignments during most of his time in the Army.

Letterman is familiar ground to him, since this was where he came on his first assignment, nearly 20 years ago. He is now on his third tour of duty here and next September will complete 20 years of service in the Army.

He was born in Greenville, Texas, and worked at farming before he enlisted in the Army in December 1926. He expected to be sent to the Philippines, but came instead to LGH, and spent three years here. During that time he was on ward S-1, did MP duty, and was mangle foreman in the laundry. He returned to civilian life when his enlistment was up, but came back to the Army and Letterman in Sep-

tember 1931. This time his assignment was in the postoffice locator section, and he was there for ten years. In March 1942 he transferred to Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, where he was head clerk in the postoffice.

When he came to Letterman for the third time, in 1943, he was in charge of the mail room at Dante Annex until November 1945, then returned to duty at the main hospital, on his present assignment.

At present he supervises the work of four enlisted men and three civilians in the locator section. Handling the mail for the patients and officer and enlisted duty personnel, distributing it to wards and offices, and keeping up with changes of location in the hospital and changes of address for those who have left, is a big task any time, but now during the holiday season it's extra big.

Sergeant Bird enjoys outdoor activities in his free time—fishing and hunting, and horseback riding. He also likes to bowl, and plans to make use of Letterman's new bowling alleys when the Christmas rush is over. He and his wife Edith are the parents of a three-year-old son, Paul Quilling, Jr.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The officers of the unit had their Christmas party on Wednesday night and a nice gift was presented to each member. Major Ballestra decorated the club and put it in a gala seasonal setting. Last good-byes were said to WOJG Love, who is departing for Korea next week.

Col. Smith and Capt. Toombs were seen stretching the football season to its very end by seeing the Fruit Bowl game. The Colonel, a faithful Texan, had to cheer for the losers from Prairie View, Texas.

The job of beautifying the area is still going on under the supervision of Sgt. Mack. Christmas trees are in all the wards awaiting the arrival of patients from the Hospital Ship Comfort on the 23rd. Their arrival has changed many well laid plans for Christmas, but then past records should have warned everyone. The Train Section has worked every Christmas since the beginning of the war. Now that it is an impossibility to get the patients home for Christmas, every effort is being made to have there there for New Year's.

The enlisted detachment held a big dinner Friday night and it turned out to be a very nice Christmas party. Wives and girl friends were invited and a good crowd came out to enjoy the turkey and trimmings which were served up. The event was held in the mess hall in Area B, and it seemed like being back home to the men who have eaten many a meal in that mess.

M/Sgt Fay Caspersen had an addition to his family in the form of a 7 pound boy. Before the birth Fay kept telling us all that he had ordered a girl as he already has one boy, but by now we suppose he is glad that it is a boy.

The past week saw eight VAH trips go out with two men attending each patient. It afforded them a nice opportunity to be home for Christmas, but they will all be back to take the hospital train out of here with the patients from the "Comfort" aboard.

Maj. Huey took three days off this week to do his Christmas shopping and he is saying the same thing as everyone else about the prices asked and left asking.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

More than 300,000 women wore the uniform of the United States Armed Forces during World War II and were stationed in every major theater of operations throughout the world, performing a wide variety of jobs.

On their return to civilian life these women veterans are entitled to the same federal benefits as the male veterans. Federal benefits available to women veterans include the G. I. Bill, providing education or training, loan guarantys and readjustment allowances.

Women veterans are entitled to the same kind of medical treatment available to other veterans, but there are some minor differences in the manner of providing medical or hospital care.

Women veterans of the following organizations are eligible for veterans benefits: Army or Navy Nurse Corps, Women's Army Corps, Women's Reserve of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, provided they served on active duty between Sept. 16, 1940, and July 25, 1947, the official end of the war as far as veterans' benefits are concerned.

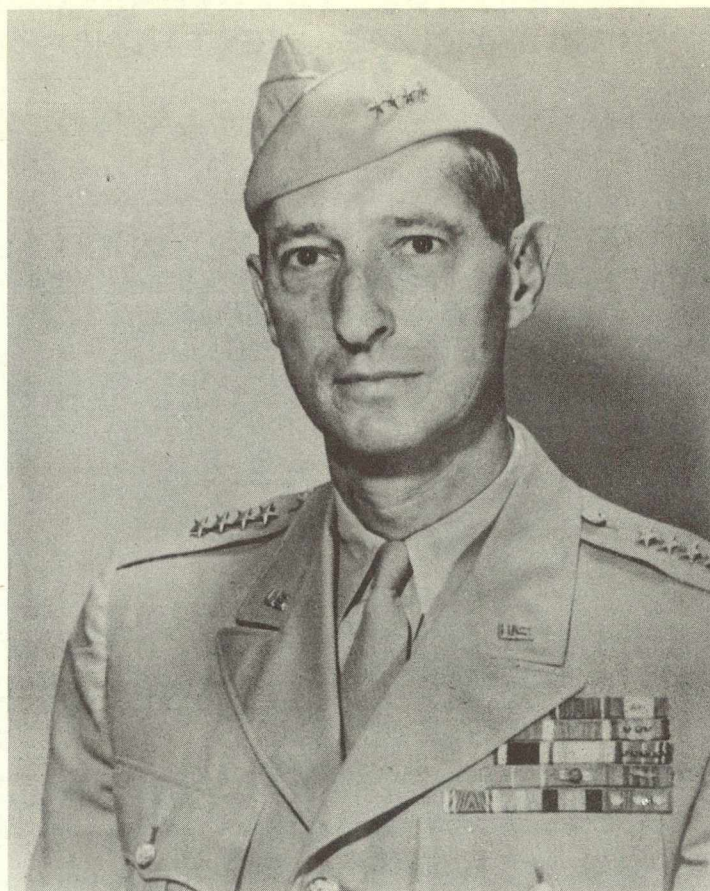
The only exceptions would be women who may have enlisted or reenlisted for service since V-J Day. Some of these future women veterans could count their service after July 25, 1947, as entitlement for benefits.

There are several exceptions in the methods of awarding federal benefits in the cases of women veterans as compared with male veterans. The widower of a woman veteran is not included in the term "widow" for the purpose of VA benefits. If husband and wife are both veterans and going to school under the G. I. Bill the veteran husband could draw subsistence allowance for his wife as a dependent, but the wife could not draw subsistence allowance claiming her husband as a dependent.

There were some women who wore a uniform, but did not fall in the same class as those who served in the armed forces. These groups, whose members are not eligible for federal benefits, include the Women's Air Service Pilots, the Women's Flying Training Detachment, the Red Cross and United Service Organizations.

Question: Can I use a G. I. loan to build an addition to my house?

Answer: Yes, a G. I. guaranteed loan could be used for that purpose.



HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY
San Francisco, California

Every year at this season the spirit of Christmas finds its way into our hearts and homes and our thoughts dwell on such things as peace, good-will and the brotherhood of mankind. This has an especial significance this year when confusion, ill will and strife are prevalent throughout the greater part of the world, with the result that men, women and children in many lands are hungry and cold and barely managing to survive. The peace which we hoped to see established has not materialized and actually seems further away than ever.

Let us here in America not be dismayed and discouraged by the chaotic condition of the world today, but rather let us go forward, strong and resolute in our determination to preserve our own way of life, under our own Constitution, which is founded upon those very precepts of humanity taught by Him, whose birth we are about to commemorate. As a strong, health and united Nation of God-fearing people, we can and will be the one great hope of people everywhere who want to live in a world of peace and good-will—a world in which those things we Americans hold most dear will one day become the heritage of all nations.

A Merry Christmas to each and every one of you, and a Happy, Successful New Year.

MARK W. CLARK
General, U. S. Army
Commanding

To Hold Steno-Typist Exams After Holidays

The Civil Service Commission has announced that applications are still being accepted for the forthcoming Stenographer-Typist Examinations. The dates on which the examinations will be held have not yet been announced, but in most localities they will be scheduled after the Christmas holiday season.

All employees without status, and for whom the examination is appropriate, are urged to file their application cards without delay. They are asked to show on their applications the complete name and address of the agency where they are employed.

Although the examination will be left open as long as insufficient applications have been received to meet the needs of the service, it will not remain open indefinitely, and employees who delay filing their applications may find that it is too late to apply.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Civilian Personnel Office, Room 201, LGH Administration Building.

Yes, the Tree Was Trimmed!

With the help of the Red Cross recreation worker, GI patients in the 20th General Hospital in Osaka, Japan, were trimming a Christmas tree in the recreation hall. They had just started placing lights and colored ornaments when the dinner bell rang. Leaving the room the Red Cross girl noticed a Japanese janitor looking at the tree. "We will finish trimming the tree right after dinner," she said by way of explanation.

Returning to the recreation hall an hour later patients discovered the tree had been trimmed and pruned to the nub. Only short stems and branches remained. Grinning proudly, the Japanese stood alongside. "You ask I trim tree before finish dinner," he said. "Okay, tree is trim. I hubba hubba."

A young lady and her aunt, returning home from work on pay day were relieved of their money by a stick-up man. The young lady rushed over to the nearest policeman and exclaimed: "I've been robbed of my pay and my aunt's pay!"

"Cut out the pig Latin and tell me what happened," the copper ordered.

Happy New Year



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New WAC Officer is Commissioned from Detachment Ranks

At an informal ceremony in the office of the Commanding Officer on Saturday morning last, Staff Sergeant Anna I. Laue was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the Womens Army Corps. The oath of office was administered by Major Earle A. Paxson, Hospital Adjutant, and the bars of office were pinned on the new officer by Colonel Dean F. Winn, Hospital Commandant.

This is the first time in the history of the WAC at Letterman that a member has received a commission while with our detachment, and Captain Charlotte I. Woodworth, Lieut. Mary C. Cass, and a number of the women from the detachment were on hand to extend congratulations to the newly appointed officer.

Lieutenant Laue has been stationed at Letterman since April 1946 but has been in the army since January 1945. Her basic training was taken at Fort Oglethorpe, and she served at Peterson Field, Kearny Air Base, and Castle Field before coming to us.

The lieutenant is on leave of absence from her teaching duties in New York State and has a long academic record of training in her specialized field of clinical psychology. After receiving her A. B. from Maxwell Teachers College in Brooklyn, (Continued on Page 8)



THE FIRST WAC COMMISSIONED

At Letterman, Second Lieutenant Anna I. Laue, receiving the insigna of her new rank from the commanding officer, Colonel Dean F. Winn, while Captain Charlotte I. Woodworth and Lieutenant Mary E. Cass smile in approval.

Christmas Corner Contest Finds K-2 Leading The Wards

What has become a tradition at Letterman—the Christmas Corner Contest—was held this week under the auspices of the Red Cross.

The Sweepstakes award—the overall prize—went to Ward K-2 for an outstanding achievement. The majority are bed patients on that ward and they demonstrated real artistry in their angel choir, humor in their sleigh and reindeer, and real ingenuity and originality in having smoke ascend from the fireplace as the judges entered the ward.

Other prizes were awarded as follows: For Artistry—E-2 and D-2. For Originality—F-1 and C-2. Most amusing—C-1 and 41. Two wards—N-2 and O-2 shared honors for the best Traditional Christmas decorations, while E-1 and D-1 tied for the best Christmas Spirit.

The awards were made by a committee of judges: Lieutenant Colonel Elsie E. Schneider, Principal Chief Nurse, Captain Charlotte I. Woodworth, commanding officer, Letterman WAC detachment, Miss Grace Guilford, Red Cross Field Director, Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, of the San Francisco Chapter of the Red Cross, and Corporal Joseph McElroy, representing the patients.

Ten Wins in Eleven Starts

The basketball season at Letterman got into full swing on a recent Thursday at the gym when the LGH Men's team chalked up their tenth victory in eleven starts. They defeated the quintet from the San Francisco Marine Base with an overwhelming score of 45 to 19.

A preliminary game was played by the girl hoopsters of Letterman and they were nosed out of the winner's box by one point. Much to the disappointment of the large crowd of Letterman rooters that gathered at the gym to see the girls, dressed in their striking new blue uniforms, officially open their season.

The WAC team from the Presidio came from behind to win the game in the last few minutes of play after spotting the home team seven points in the first quarter. It was a hard fought contest from beginning to end, with two of the Letterman team's star players being pulled from the tilt, before half time, on personal fouls.

In the last minute of play the high score rocked back and forth, from one team to another, with the fans getting more excited every second. At the sound of the final gun there was both cheers and jeers from the enthusiastic crowd when the previously rated underdog team from the Presidio won the struggle with a tight score of 17 to 16.

Letterman's WAC team is managed by player Frances Jenkins and coached by Captain H. C. Bailey of the Physical Reconditioning Department. The girls have been turning out for a month now under the watchful eye of their Commanding Officer, Captain Charlotte Woodworth. The game with Presidio started out with the Letterman girls fully expecting to win when their star player, Betty Hearne, dribbled through the Presidio's defense and sank four field goals in rapid succession at the very start of the game.

Betty Hearne was taken from the game on personal fouls before half time, to be followed shortly afterwards by another strong player, Betty Miller. This is Betty Miller's second season wearing Letterman blue. She returned to play this year along with manager Frances Jenkins and guard, Opal Glenn, both of whom were on the first string last year.

The lineup for the Lettermanites was as follows:

	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Betty Hearne, F	4	1	9
Frances Jenkins, F	1	0	2
Mildred Stech, G	0	0	0
Billy Maples, F	2	0	4
Clara Queen, F	0	1	1
Betty Miller, G	0	0	0
Robbie Gauiding, F	0	0	0
Margaret Lassiter, F	0	0	0
Opal Glenn, G	0	0	0
Lydia Dobaron, G	0	0	0

Between the two games entertainment was provided for the spectators by the Physical Reconditioning Branch and Special Services. Highlighting the program was a satirical skit of how the Physical Reconditioning Section function in its treatment of injured patients. The role of a patient was skillfully portrayed by Jim Liles who is, in actuality, in charge of remedial treatment given patients. The skit was mc'd by Major Frank Anneberg who had earlier shown his ability as a gymnast by doing a dance on his finger tips, and by diving over the back of a chair to land in a hand stand. Liles was assisted in his portrayal of a patient

receiving treatment" by Jim Warren and Ed Kabilitz from San Francisco's Central Y.M.C.A. Between the three of them they put on an amusing play. They then became serious and exhibited their poweress as athletes by doing stunts on the parallel bars, the horizontal bars and the flying rings, all of which exhibits met with spontaneous applause from the audience.

Jim Liles is now a civilian worker in the Physical Reconditioning Branch. He has worked in that section for three years, two years as a G. I.

Sergeant Leslie Harvey drew chuckles from the crowd as he amused them by showing his knack with the art of Terpsichore by doing a soft shoe dance.

The main event of the evening saw the Letterman Men's team sweep over the Marine Quintet and down them in an easy win.

The Letterman team got off to a good start by making a field goal in the first five seconds of play. From then on the husky players from the

Marine Base were at the mercy of Coach Carus Hick's speedy team. The Marines were not given so much as a brief respite as the Letterman boys knocked the bottom out of the contest as they made their score climb at the rate of almost a point a minute.

The visitors didn't seem to have the necessary punch and couldn't do themselves any good. Even though they played their entire squad in all positions they had tallied only nine points at the half time to Letterman's 30.

Fred Haun ran up 12 points by making six field goals to lead the hospital team in points earned for the evening.

Richard Brouwer, who leads the team as high point man for the season, brought his total to 172 for a game average of 16 against the eight tallies for the evening, four of which were earned by foul shots.

It would seem the City of Roses turns out some good basketball material as Brouwer, like Haun, also

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TEN WINS IN ELEVEN STARTS

The victorious LGH Men's Basketball Team. L. to R., seated: Roland Harlow, William Doan, Raimon Lehman, Richard Brouwer, Fred Haun, Eugene Bellinski; standing: Cearus Hicks, Lyle Morrison, Homer Vincent, George Burton, Donald Barney, Bruce Dryer, Mark Gursky, Steve Ferency.



Arranging the "Christmas Corner Contest" display in Ward K-2 are (left to right), Mrs. Rosalie Weinberger, Red Cross Grey Lady, Private Orville Hemberger and Master Sgt. Robert G. Douglas.



Taking their final look at their entry on Ward N-2, L to R, Master Sgt. John R. Warren, Cpl. Frank T. Clark and Pvt. Herbert L. Porter just before they tied for first honors with Ward O-2 for best Traditional Christmas decorations.



Patients arranging the most amusing display on Ward C-1 and winning the prize in that class. L to R, Pvt. Samuel Cummings, Sgt. Don Morgan, and Tech-Sgt. Willie J. Frische.



Patients of Ward F-1 put finishing touches on their display for the "Christmas Corner Contest," sponsored at the Hospital each year by the Red Cross. Shown left to right are Tech-Sgt. Archie O'Conner, Cpl. John Connolly, Cpl. Bruce Olsen and Mrs. Joseph Costello, Red Cross Grey Lady.

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EDITORIAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Now that Christmas has come and gone it is seasonable to think about the year about to begin and what we intend to do about making it a better year than any in the past.

Perhaps it is not amiss to look back on the year now closing and express a word of appreciation for the maintenance of our high standards on the part of our professional staff. The care of the sick is the main purpose of our command and we derive satisfaction from the knowledge that the main purpose is never forgotten.

Co-operating with our professional staffs are all those who contribute to the welfare of our patients and we feel a special sense of gratitude toward the personnel of our own Red Cross. From the Field Director down to the last volunteer they have done a magnificent job throughout the year and particularly in connection with the Christmas program. The good ladies have given generously of their time and talent and we do appreciate them.

Less publicized but by no means ineffective is our Special Services section. The officers and men assigned to that activity never heard of the 40 hour week, or has the thought occurred to them to ask for an increased pay differential for the long hours of the evening they devote to the accomplishment of their excellent pro-

WAC

Fireplace, Christmas Tree and Spirit are a' bubblin' in the barracks. Awaiting visits from "Old Saint Nick" just add to the merriment of the times.

Fortunate gals are T/5 Louise Haas, T/5 Stella Goodman, 1st/Sgt. Nelly Johnson and S/Sgt. Golden Deal, who have three-day passes and are off to Los Angeles. Happy holiday and Christmas cheer to you "all."

O.T. will be minus its Photography instructor, Sally Craig, who will be "shooting" the stars and scenes off Hollywood and Vine while enjoying a three-day pass in Los Angeles.

"Irish Eyes Are Smiling" may well be said of T/3 May Magrath whose gleam is ever present and a delight to everyone who knows her.

S/Sgt. Katherine Mack has undergone surgery. How about a visit to cheer her. Speedy recovery, Mack.

T/3 Anne I. Laue was commissioned a 2nd Lieut. in the Regular Army. Congratulations, Lieut. Laue.

Capt. Lasseter's theme song "Where, oh! where! has my Pattie gone to." Just the Christmas spirit, Captain, Pattie will return.

Open House at the WAC Detachment was a huge success. How could it be otherwise with refreshments and egg nogs a'plenty. Fun and merriment were at a new high.

Barracks 212 has a little "melting pot" of its own. In one corner are T/5 Shelia Dougherty and T/3 Edith Altenberg learning Spanish; in another T/4 Henrietta Callari and T/4 Carolyn Fix learning Italian. Caught in the web are their sister WACS who suffer in silence. The "Winners"—your guess is as good as mine.

T/3 Dorothy Bennett is sporting a lovely fur coat. Don't "drool" girls; just save your pennies, says she . . . how many, Dot?

Sgt. Elsie Lepitre says "Christmas comes but once a year" so her motto: "Be Merry and Gay" . . . and she is gay, new suit and all.

gram. We do thank them.

In the year ahead there will be plenty to do and to all who will co-operate as generously as in the past we wish—and know they will have—

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



The nurses "At Home" will be held Sunday, 28 Dec., 1947, at the Nurses Recreation Hall from 4 to 6 P. M. All commissioned officers and their families are cordially invited to attend.

Lieut. Jamie Palm has transferred her allegiance from the Ground Forces to the Air Forces—she prefers the clouds to terra-firma. She is on her way to Randolph Field, Texas, for training as a flight nurse. Happy landing, Jamie.

Wedding bells rang out on Christmas Day in Reno for Lieut. Beulah Nye and Mr. Robert Scott of San Francisco. Congratulations and long years of happiness.

Welcome to Letterman General Hospital: Lieut. Ann K. Brady from Seventh Station Hospital, Trieste, and Lieut. Ella R. Craig from Thirty-Seventh Station Hospital, Okinawa. May their stay here prove to be a happy and memorable one.

VOCO's to enjoy the holiday "glow and cheer" have been granted to Lieut. Dorothy Glidden, Lieut. Ruth Campbell, Lieut. Frances Desprez and Lieut. Mary Paine. Lucky gals.

Lieut. Betty Hearn is all aglow with stars shining in her eyes. Why? A cablegram. Can it be that the Orient has something to do with her halo?

Lieut. Denne Kuntz is like an Arab who folds her tent and quietly steals about. How does she manage?

The Letterman Girls' Basketball Team was finally defeated in a hard fought game by the Chinese Mission Team. They had played several times before. 1st Lieut. Betty Miller, however, still retains her perfect 1.000 batting average for being taken out of games for unnecessary roughness. Now, now, girls, you must not lose your temper.

1st Lieut. Virginia Himes, long time member of the Army Nurse Corps, who retired in 1936 died here on Tuesday morning after a long illness.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 28 December, 1947

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Masses New Year's Day

at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Promotion

Congratulations are in order this week for Chief Warrant Officer William R. Tubbs on his promotion to that grade. Mr. Tubbs has been with us since February 1946 and has been a valuable asset to the Letterman team ever since he joined this station.

Terminal Leave Pay Awaiting Claimants

Unaware of the benefits due them, a startling number of World War II vets still haven't applied for their terminal leave pay, and the Army wants them to "come and get it—NOW!"

This information has been received from the Office of the Chief of Finance, Washington, D. C., by Sixth Army Headquarters here. Feeling that most of the unclaimed money belongs to veterans who aren't properly informed, Army Finance people urge all ex-G.I.'s who haven't filed for pay due them for unused leave or furlough time to do so at once.

The Armed Forces Leave Act, passed in 1946, entitles all enlisted men who did not use 30 days leave a year to be reimbursed for the total number of unused days during their term of service. Officers commissioned from the ranks are given the same benefits for the time they were enlisted men.

Army Finance offices are adequately staffed to handle all remaining claims with a minimum of delay.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LOUISE HASS
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 Louise Hass wants it known that even though she likes California, her native state of Wisconsin is "still the best state." She says she's used to a chilly climate, and doesn't let even those occasional "20 below" temperatures get her down.

Louise, who is also known by the nicknames of "Skeezix" and "Louie," was born in Oshkosh, and before she joined the Army she worked on defense jobs in Wisconsin.

She enlisted in the WAC in July 1945, and went to Fort Des Moines for her basic training. Upon completion of basic, she was assigned to duty at Vaughan General Hospital at Hines, Illinois, where she worked with paraplegic patients. Late, at Mayo General Hospital in Galesburg, Illinois, she was on the surgical wards. On her next two assignments—at Walter Reed and at Fitzsimons General Hospitals—she was on the obstetrical wards, which certainly gave her a variety of Army hospital experience.

Louise received her discharge from the WAC in March of this year, and lived the life of a civilian for a few months, then re-enlisted in August, and asked to be assigned to duty in California. This resulted in her coming to Letterman, where she works on ward B-1.

She likes all outdoor sports, especially tobogganing, bicycling, swimming and baseball. She has learned to play basketball since she has been in the Army, and that sport has become one of her favorites. She would like to play on the Letterman team, but her present duty hours prevent that.

She is taking advantage of some of the educational opportunities available here, and is studying English and typing.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Wedding bells rang out for Robert Fitzgerald, Ward K-3, and Betty La Chapelle at the Post Chapel last Saturday. The couple plan to make San Francisco their permanent home. Best wishes to you both.

A Girl Scout troop from Epiphony Parish entertained patients throughout the hospital by singing Christmas Carols. They visited wards and caroled as they toured the hospital.

Victor Fischer, Ward E-2, is quite an artist. He spends his leisure hours sketching, mostly sport pictures.

The nurses on Ward C-1 are being continually serenaded by Edward Marshall. His favorite selection is "She's Too Fat for Me."

Molding a family of clay horses is the way Mabel Herndon, Ward P-1, has selected to spend her time in the O. T. Shop. And very cute horses they are, too.

James Adams became the father of a nine pound boy on 18 December. Wonder if "Pappy" Adams' fellow patients on ward 40 have gotten any cigars out of him as yet. If not you boys best line up and make him shell out.

Someone sent the name of Kenneth Alvard into "Cactus Jack," the radio cowboy, stating that Kenny is a very lonely boy and wanted to hear from people, particularly those in his home town of Salt Lake City. The result of this little joke is that Kenny is deluged with mail and packages. He is getting candy, cookies and cake from all over, and Christmas cards by the bushel. The other patients on Ward C-2 are considering sending in their names.

There is mistletoe hanging about all the wards. The boys in traction even have it hanging in the frames above their heads. This is to serve as an advertisement and invitation to any pretty girl that would like to take advantage of a good custom.

The most beautifully decorated ward in the hospital is K-2. Chief Director of Operations Kenneth Spinks was in charge of the decorating. Bonnie Baker lent her eye for the esthetic while Robert Douglas and Orville Hemberger acted as strawbosses. Everyone in the ward helped with the result that Ward

K-2 won the Red Cross Sweepstakes prize.

A surprise party was given for the Red Cross and Occupational Therapy workers on ward S-1. The patients conceived and organized the party and had gifts for all their guests. The workers were very pleased with the corsages they each received and the "throw-rugs" that the patients had made for gifts. Coffee and cake was served to all.

MORE ABOUT
BASKETBALL

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comes from Portland, Oregon, where he played four years of basketball for his high school.

William Doan, the fast forward, chalked up four points during the game to nose Raimon Lehman out of third place. They have totals now of 54 and 51 respectively, and are closely followed in fifth place by Eugene Bellinski.

The Letterman summary is as follows:

	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Brouwer, F	2	4	8
Doan, F	2	0	4
Haun, C	6	0	12
Bellinski, G	1	3	5
Vinson, G	1	0	2
Lehman, G	1	0	2
Harlow, G	0	1	1
Dryer, F	1	0	2
Burton, F	2	0	4
Gursky, C	1	0	2
Morrison, G	1	0	2
Hinton, F	0	1	1
Velez, F	0	0	0
Totals	18	9	45

The Letterman team has scheduled 12 games to be played at the gym here and have hopes of getting more. Special Services have promised entertainment for between halves at every game. It appears to be a good way to spend an evening.

All games that are played at the Letterman Gym will be broadcast over Radio Station KLGH, the Bed-side Network. A play by play description of the game will be given by announcer Walter Cardinet of San Francisco. Mr. Cardinet has been volunteering his time for the past year and a half to the hospital. He presents Sport Page of The Air over Station KLGH on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 0915.

ON THE SPOT



EARL BREWER
Technician Fourth Grade

With only 61 days left to serve in the Army, Sergeant Brewer is laying plans for his return to civilian life.

Sergeant Brewer entered the Army in September 1946. The first assignment he had was as an Occupational Counselor in the separation center at Camp Beale, California. When Camp Beale closed down six months later, the entire separation section was moved to Camp Stoneman, California and our friend Sergeant Brewer tagged along. He said, "I had heard a good deal about "Stoneman" and I wanted to see for myself if the stories were true—they were."

Attendance at a school for Counselors at Camp Stoneman, and continuing in Occupational Guidance work until he was transferred to Letterman, last October, well prepared Earl for the job he holds here at the hospital as a Classification Specialist.

Before entering the Army Sergeant Brewer attended the University of Texas, where he enrolled in the school for pre-medical students. He has finished one and a half years of his pre-medical work and intends to return to the same school to complete his studies. Going to the "U" of "T" didn't happen by accident, he was born in that state. He attended both grade and high school in the city of Fort Worth—he doesn't like football.

Horseback riding, reading, aquaplaning, eating filet mignons, getting rides to work, and pretty girls are Earl's big interests in life—a true Texan.

The only thing that Sergeant Brewer doesn't like is being broke. Whenever he finds himself in that situation he stays at home, in the barracks, and plays bridge or studies psychology.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Santa Claus has come and gone and we find that he left many Letterman employees happy and not too tired. Some of them traveled to spend holidays elsewhere while others spend a quiet Christmas at home surrounded by family and friends.

Christmas parties were held in various offices and reports from all indicate that a good time was had by all. On December 23 in the Laboratory Section gifts were exchanged with Marshall Douglas of the Photo Lab in the role of Santa Claus and Sgt. Harold Dixon in charge of refreshments. Also enjoying a Christmas party on December 23 were the personnel of the Separation Center, while Registrar's office personnel held their party on December 24. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

Spending Christmas at home were Lillian Taylor, Registrar's office, Helen Day, Laboratory Service, Marshall Douglas, Photo Lab, and Jeanette Gardner, Registrar's office, who recently returned from three weeks vacation in San Diego in time to spend Christmas in San Francisco.

On the traveling list with two weeks vacation are Joan Gottschalk, Civilian Personnel, spending the holidays with her family in Wyoming, Alice Torgeson, Finance, and Harriet Baken, Educational Reconditioning, visiting together in Spokane and Oregon, while William Day, Laboratory Section, spent Christmas in Bakersfield and Lee Kissinger, Registrar's office, went to Los Angeles.

Alta Lee, Out-Patient Service, and a group of friends had a good time by singing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve.

Margery Granger, Separation Center, received a pleasant and completely unexpected present for Christmas in the form of her two-year-old son, Kent, who has come to visit her for the holidays from Rayne, La. He traveled, in the care of a family friend, to Los Angeles where Margery met him.

Mary McJadden of Public Information office is spending her vacation in Los Angeles, Redwood City and San Francisco.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Halt! Who goes there?
American.

Sing the "Star Spangled Banner."
Don't know the words.
Pass, American.

MAKING MOVIES IS HER HOBBY AND THE STAR IS HER OWN DAUGHTER



Mrs. FRANCES AHRENS
It will soon be seven years

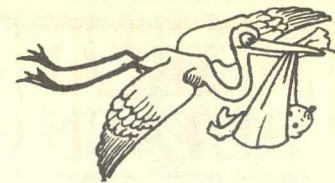
Seven years in the same office is certainly a record at which to point with pride, and in the case of Mrs. Frances Ahrens, the office can point right back, because she is the sort of person who is definitely an asset to have around (see picture above). Dark eyes and dark curly hair and a charming smile are just a few of the ingredients that make her memorable.

She has been in the Sick and Wounded Section of the Registrar's Office ever since she came to Letterman in February 1941, and besides doing her own job, she can take over and perform the duties of any one of the office personnel who may be absent.

Frances was born in San Francisco, and attended Mission High and Balboa High School. Before coming to Letterman she had a variety of business experience, including office work, sales work, and cosmetic demonstration work. She says she likes Letterman and her present job better than any of the others.

She was married a few months after coming to Letterman, and she and her husband Elmer are the parents of a five-year-old daughter, Kathryn. Ever since she was 12 days old, Kathryn's parents have been working on a gift they plan to give her when she reaches her eighteenth birthday. They are both very much interested in photography and have been making movies of Kathryn all through her babyhood. They intend to continue the series—they now have about three dozen reels—and when she is 18 they will present her with her own biography in pictures.

Frances and her husband have attended camera classes; they belong to two camera clubs, and go on frequent picture-taking field trips with these groups. They are interested in still photography as well as movies, but movies have the preferred position. They have their own equipment and dark room, and devote most of their free time to this hobby.



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Wallace Strelper, Sr., a boy, **Thomas Wallace, Jr.**, born 9 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert H. Wheeldon, a girl, **Sherri Lynn**, born 10 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Taft F. Crain, Sr., a boy, **Taft Feldon, Jr.**, born 10 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Fay C. Casperson, a boy, **Sidney John**, born 11 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. James W. Hicks, a boy, **Charles David**, born 11 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Vinton A. Fish, a boy, **William Lloyd**, born 11 December.

To T/5 and Mrs. August Paul Hinton, a boy, **Joseph Edward**, born 12 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. James Dwight Otis, Jr., a boy, **James Dwight, III**, born 13 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Buck Bratcher, a boy, **Byron Allen**, born 13 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Donald H. Jersey, a girl, **Donna Rhea**, born 14 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Theodore F. Medeiros, a girl, **Barbara Ann**, born 16 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Albert H. Stout, a boy, **Richard Carl**, born 16 December.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Hyme Alexander Budd, a boy, **Michael Steven**, born 16 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Charles A. Weisel, Jr., a boy, **Jonathan Edward**, born 16 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. James Joseph Clinton, a boy, **Steven James**, born 16 December.

To Major and Mrs. Arthur James Price, a boy, **Clayton Bryan**, born 17 December.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John B. Lloyd, a boy, **Alan Walter**, born 18 December.

To Capt. and Mrs. Fred Parker, a girl, **Melody Ann**, born 19 December.

"That's a beautiful nurse you have."

"I haven't noticed her."

"Man, you're sicker than I thought."

MEDICAL DETACH

T/5 John R. Mahon of Classification and Assignment is going on T/DY over the Christmas holidays to accompany his "buddy," Corporal Bruce Olsen, patient in ward F-1 to his home in Los Angeles. Corporal Olsen was wounded on Okinawa and this is his first visit home since he left for overseas duty.

The \$64.00 question is: "What does M/Sgt George Barte have in the musette bag that he carries around?"

Conversation overheard regarding T/Sgt. John Mallen of the EENT Clinic: "If that guy doesn't stop haunting the East Hospital Mess he will soon be known as the barrel who walks like a man."

T/Sgt. Rudy Shellhorn, ward master of Wards K-1 and K-3 made this woeful lament and comment to Sgt. Major Bergen: "It's a good thing that I am not married or I would be henpecked at night too."

General Notes: Congrats to the 45 men on Special Orders, number 249, who received promotions the 17th of this month. Welcome to three new members of the Detachment: M/Sgt. Norman J. Boudreau, S/Sgt Otis Bloom and T/5 Isami Watanabe. T/5 John Kurtzman of the Sgt. Major's office will be discharged from the army on the 31st of December. He is planning to enter Ohio University. Cpl. Francis H. Symmes of the Training Branch Office is being discharged on or about the 27th.

There is a lot of talk "going the round" 'about the new Letterman NCO Club. Anyone who is interested can see 1st Sgt. Orlin Oxenrider at Detachment Headquarters.

The basketball game on the 19th between Letterman Men's Team and the Pacific Reserve Fleet Team was a whiz. T/5 William Doan of S-2 scored 2 baskets in the last 30 seconds of play to put Letterman ahead at the whistle by a score of 55-50. It was a rough, tough, see-saw game all the way with plenty of body blocks, elbows, knees and what have you next to offer. Oh well, boys will be boys.

Man (to newsboy): "Give me a Sun."

Newsboy (to man): "What do you think I am, the stork?"

NEW LGH TRAINING DIRECTOR IS VETERAN OF BOTH WORLD WARS



ARTHUR L. THEISS
Head of Training Section, Civilian Personnel

Arthur L. Theiss, who recently came to Letterman as training director, Civilian Personnel office, is a veteran of both World War I and II. As Lieut. Colonel Theiss, he received his discharge in October 1946, four years and one day after he was recalled to active duty from the reserves in 1942.

Mr. Theiss was born in Hutchinson, Kansas, and grew up in that state and in Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Kansas State College, and while there he received ROTC training. He was in the Infantry during World War I, and served in England, France and Germany. Before he returned from overseas he attended the University of Grenoble in France, studying the language, geography and history of the country.

After the war he did construction and engineering work for a time, but was obliged to give it up because of ill health. He then had his own investment and insurance business. Later he did administrative work with the CCC in Arkansas, and was

there when the last enrollee from that state was discharged.

In October 1942 he was recalled to active duty with the Air Corps, and was stationed at Barksdale Field in Shreveport, Louisiana for a short time. He spent the next four years at Amarillo Field, Texas, performing administrative duties with the Technical Training Command.

After receiving his discharge in 1946, Mr. Theiss came to San Francisco. He and his brother own a hotel here, which his brother managed while Mr. Theiss was in the Army. He still maintains his outside business interests now that he has begun his new work at Letterman.

In his leisure time, Mr. Theiss enjoys sports—"mainly as a spectator now," he says, except for swimming, volley ball and ping-pong. Reading also occupies much of his time, and he says that Pitkin's book, "Life Begins at Forty," has meant a great deal to him. If you are wondering how to pronounce the name Theiss—that's simple—it rhymes with "nice."

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Hospital Ship "Comfort" arrived early in the morning of the 24th with 200 patients aboard. The patients had interesting tales to tell of the trip they made to the sinking ship "Simon Benson."

Six more men from the unit left this week to enter upon various careers in civilian life. They are: Cpl. Dino Pocaro, T/5 Raymond Housley, Pvt. Edward Sanchez, T/5 James Szelinski, and Cpl. Allen Hill. The best wishes of the unit go with them.

1st Sgt. and Mrs. Dicks are entertaining relatives from Kansas over the holidays.

T/5 Donald Martin had the misfortune to break his leg and is now a patient at Letterman.

Christmas turned out to be just another day for the train personnel with the usual hours of work being adhered to, but the men were given plenty of time to enjoy their dinner. T/Sgt. LaValle and his crew have our thanks for their hard work in preparing one of the best dinners we have ever eaten.

Capt. Robert Allen has had his headaches in moving his family from Sacramento to South San Francisco. He took a three day pass to get the furniture arranged in his new home, but he spent two and a half days looking for the vans to arrive.

Sgt. Morgan was seen around the area after his hernia operation. That much talked about medical care that goes along with an army enlistment pays off and the Sgt. has nothing but the best to say for his care, but he is returning to civilian life next month and will continue on with his college work.

Sgt. Robert Merrill joined the unit this past week after having tried civilian life for two years. He now realizes the Army is a pretty good home for him and he is out to retire from this man's army when his years are up.

Capt. Taylor has been home all week with a silly disease for an adult to have, "Chicken Pox." Other train personnel who have never had it are doing a little thinking about just how close they came to him prior to his breaking out.

Soldier to waitress in Petersburg Cafe: "Gimme some of your hash. I like to live dangerously."

Answering the Veterans' Queries

Veterans Administration receives hundreds of applications, letters and other documents daily which must be sent to the "mystery file" because they do not contain sufficient identification.

The failure on the part of veterans, schools, training establishments and others to include the claim number, insurance number or other identification makes it difficult for VA to give prompt attention to the claim involved.

In an effort to identify "mystery letters" VA employees must make a complete search of the master files causing a delay in action on the request.

VA urges every person who contacts VA by letter, or in person, to always use a claim or insurance number. If these numbers are not known, sufficient identification such as service serial number, date of birth, full name and address, service rank and organization and date of discharge should be included.

Each month several thousand checks for federal benefits to California veterans or their dependents are returned to the Treasury Department disbursing office because the person to whom the check was made out has moved and failed to notify the Veterans Administration of the change of address.

Checks cannot be forwarded from one address to another. In order to insure prompt receipt of Treasury Department checks, veterans or their dependents are urged to immediately notify the Veterans Administration of a change of address.

Question: Will you please tell me what kind of insurance is National Service Life Insurance?

Answer: NSLI is mutual insurance. All premium payments go into a trust fund maintained by the Treasury Department and invested in government interest-bearing securities. The interest accrues to the NSLI fund.

Question: Will Veterans Administration guarantee a G. I. loan for an automobile house trailer that I can use during my vacation to house me and my family?

Answer: No. Loans for pleasure purposes cannot be guaranteed or insured by Veterans Administration.

Warmin' the Bench

Louis' Failure Breaks the Camel's Back

(AFPS)—In their first heavyweight title fight, Jack Sharkey fouled Max Schmeling five seconds before the fourth round ended. He was not disqualified until after the start of the fifth, however, because the only official who saw the foul waited 15 seconds before signaling. In the interim, newspaperman Arthur Brisbane had cried, "That was a foul blow, and if the decision is not given in Schmeling's favor, I will end boxing in New York State."

That was in 1930. Yet, considering the present pugilistic situation, that "foul blow" charge could have been made today—not in any specific ringside case, but concerning boxing in general.

The threat of the influential Brisbane may have been taken seriously in '30. Today, of course, there is no outside individual or group that can destroy boxing. It is the sport itself that is contemplating a dagger while soliloquizing on a dimly lit Shakespearean stage. The next scene calls not for murder, but for suicide.

Not the Gripes, But the Showing

The wretched Louis-Walcott fight broke the camel's back. The many protests which followed the decision meant nothing. Such up- roars are characteristic of boxing. The same thing happened after the aforementioned Sharkey-Schmeling go, and when Schmeling lost the decision in their second meeting, the raucous "We was robbed" of manager Joe Jacobs echoed for years. In this case, on the other hand, it was the miserable performance of Louis that was so very significant. That was the straw that the camel couldn't take.

Where a host of better men had thudded to the canvas in earlier rounds, Walcott became the third man to stay 15 with the champion. Once, Louis hit the challenger six consecutive times with his right hand. The same right virtually annihilated Schmeling in two minutes and four seconds. As recently as 1946 it mesmerized Conn with such dread that Billy collapsed the first time it really tagged him. Yet it had little effect on Walcott. And the left that Jimmy Braddock described as an electric light bulb breaking in his face was both feeble and poorly timed.

Joe, the Idol, Is No More

Louis should solve Walcott's style and easily beat him in June. But very soon after he must suffer undue humiliation at the hands of some third-rater like—and the shoe fits—Jersey Joe Walcott. Whether he retires undefeated or is beaten, Louis is through. Joe is off his pedestal and the *Brown Bomber* is a worthless alias. And, with the finish of Louis, there is little left for boxing.

Until now, whatever happened, there was always Joe. When Graziano smeared the fight game with admission of his assorted transgressions, we could still look to Louis as a symbol of virtue. When tragedy struck a decent young kid like Jimmy Doyle, permitted to fight despite a previous brain injury, the scrupulous Louis was still a beacon in the darkness. And after intimations about LaMotta and gambler Frankie Carbo, the uncorrupted champion was a refuge in the storm. Other things were the exceptions. Louis was the rule. But with Louis gone, there will be no one to balance the scales.

What Most Likely Will Happen

When Joe hangs up his gloves, the fight game obviously will not roll over and play dead, although the suggestion has merit. Instead, Gus Lesnevich will ultimately whip all the heavies in sight, albeit the only previous champ he might have beaten was Carnera. Someone will leave the key under the mat and Graziano will tiptoe back into the picture. Sugar Ray Robinson will remain as the only ace in a plainly marked deck.

At the age of 42, Schmeling is making a come-back in Germany. Billy Conn admits, if he gets "a few good offers," he will do likewise. Premature odds are nine-to-five, Conn. He's only thirty.

More on First WAC Officer

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and her master's degree from New York University, she has taken special courses in St. Lawrence University, Brooklyn College, Hunter College, City College of New York, Co-

lumbia University, and the University of California.

Lieut. Laue will remain on her assignment as clinical psychologist with the Neuropsychiatric service at Letterman until further notice.

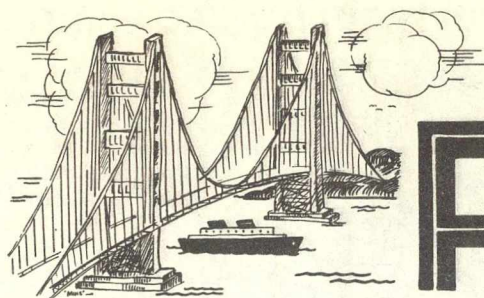
EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Engineering, broadly defined, is the combination of art and science by which materials and power are made useful to mankind. Engineering as we know it, has developed in the last hundred years. During the past forty years, it has become a highly specialized profession. For a time, all engineering in civil life, as distinct from the military, was called 'civil engineering'.

With the development of mining in the first half of the Nineteenth century, many men were induced to enter this field. These specialists were called mining engineers. Others devoted themselves to mechanics and became mechanical engineers. Specialization was halted with these classifications until electricity came into practical use in the 1880's. Within a very brief time the following job fields became prominent in engineering:

1. The highway engineer designs new roads and relocates or changes the design of existing roads.
2. The hydraulic engineer is concerned primarily with obtaining water supplies for cities, constructing dams and levees, working to improve flood control, and the basic erection of bridges.
3. The civil engineer (structural engineer) builds skyscrapers, tunnels, and performs large construction jobs of this nature.
4. The sanitary engineer works hand in hand with doctors trying to prevent diseases and epidemics. He plans the disposal of refuse and is responsible for the purity of drinking water.
5. The agricultural engineer specializes in the design and construction of farm buildings and equipment.
6. The industrial engineer manages or advises on the management of business and industrial firms.
7. The aeronautical engineer does research, design, and development work on aircraft and related parts.
8. The metallurgical engineer supervises the extraction of many metals from concentrated ores and the production of pig iron and steel.

You may obtain information in detail about any of these professions or related fields by consulting the Educational Reconditioning Office, Building 1039, extension 4403.



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General Clark is Christmas Visitor At Letterman

General Mark W. Clark, Commanding General of the Sixth Army, accompanied by Mrs. Clark, paid an extended visit to the patients who were bedfast at Letterman on Christmas morning. Colonel Dean F. Winn, Letterman commandant, escorted the distinguished visitors through the wards of the main hospital.

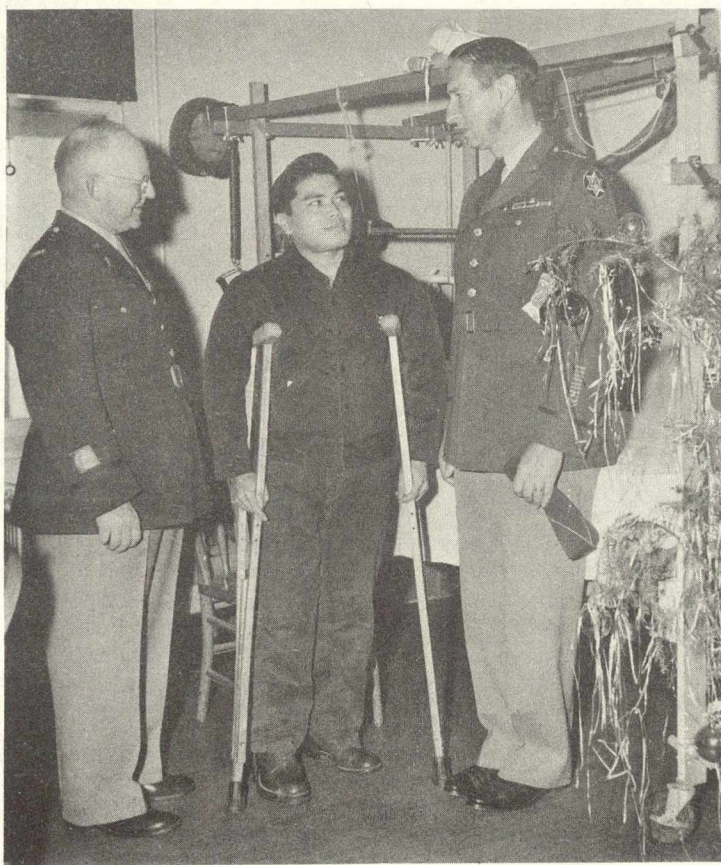
The program arranged for the occasion included the ward officer and charge nurse to meet the party on arrival at each ward and makes personal introductions of individual patients to General and Mrs. Clark.

On Ward C-2 it developed that Technical Sergeant Harvey Chelf had served in Africa under General Clark, and the latter asked "Were you wounded there?" Chelf replied: "Yes, Sir—the first time." The general asked: "Were you wounded a second time?" "Yes, Sir" answered Chelf, "Two years later at Aachen." With a final handclasp the general moved on to the other patients.

On Ward E-1 General Clark met up with Corporal Tokko Fukuchi, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, who was wounded in the Italian campaign near Leghorn after surviving the long trek from the landing at Salerno. The general spoke in high praise of the achievements of that group of fighting men.

The decorated Christmas Corners on each of the wards came in for close inspection on the part of General and Mrs. Clark and frequent compliments were extended on the ingenuity of the patients in making very attractive corners out of next to nothing in the way of material.

In addition to Colonel Winn, the



SIXTH ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL Holds re-union with Corporal Tokko Fukuchi, fellow veteran of the Italian campaign.

visitors were accompanied on the round of visits by Colonel Frank Oxx, Public Information Officer for the Sixth Army, and Lieut. Colonel Elsie E. Schneider, Principal Chief Nurse of Letterman.

Later in the morning the patients received visits and gifts from a large delegation of members of the American Legion in San Francisco posts. No one was overlooked in the distribution and gifts were left for those on pass for the day.

Letterman Named as Center for Exams on Competitive Tour

Letterman General Hospital is one of the three centers in California where the final type physical and General Educational Development Tests for the Regular Army Officer Procurement Program may be taken. Last July the War Department announced its policy of selecting and appointing, on a competitive basis, qualified individuals to establish and maintain the authorized strength of Regular Army Officers. The other testing centers are Fort Ord in Monterey and McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena.

The Competitive Tour of Duty is a period of observed active duty of one years' duration. Candidates are selected for the appropriate basic grades from the following sources: graduates of the United States Military Academy; persons designated as honor graduates of senior division Reserve Officers Training Corps units; commissioned officers of the Officers Reserve Corps, National Guard, and The Army of the United States; or persons qualified for appointment in the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Veterinary Corps, Medical Service Corps, Corps of Chaplains, and Judge Advocate General Department.

Officers who are male citizens of the United States may apply provided that they are physically qualified, are within the prescribed age limits, and meet the educational requirements.

To date fifteen applicants have been ordered to Letterman General Hospital to comply with requirements for the January 1948 Competitive Tour of Duty.

Shrine Game

Through the generosity of Mr. William P. Kyne, General Manager of the California Jockey Club, 100 enlisted patients were among the 62,000 football fans at Kezar Stadium to witness the annual Shrine East-West game for the benefit of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. The East team won the game by a score of 40 to 9 setting a new record for touchdowns.

Surgeon General Announces Changes in Training Program

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, Surgeon General of the Army, has announced adoption of a number of changes in the Army Medical Department graduate professional education program for the coming year based on a thorough study of nine months operation of the program and surveys made by nine teams of civilian medical experts.

The innovations, effective immediately, are designed to maintain the quality of patient care and to elevate the caliber of training at Army general hospitals. As announced by General Bliss, the major changes are as follows:

Graduate training in psychiatry is being strengthened and concentrated in three general hospitals—Letterman (San Francisco), Fitzsimons (Denver) and Walter Reed (Washington, D. C.). This plan will afford each resident more individual instruction.

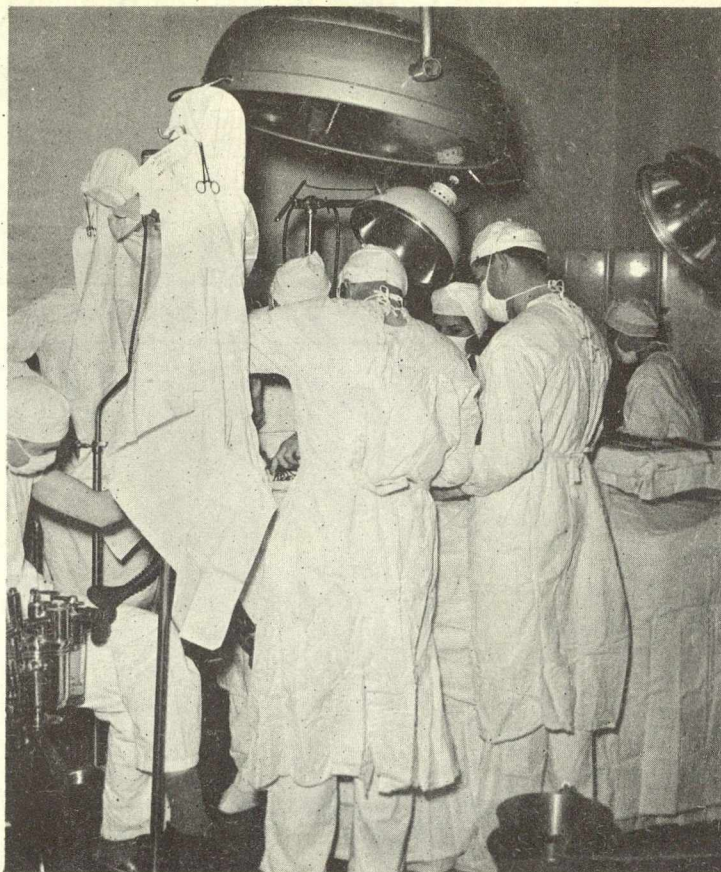
Many qualified civilian consultants will be added to the attending staffs of the hospitals which are engaged in teaching. These will be distributed among the various special fields of medicine and surgery in which the Army is training residents and interns.

The administrative responsibilities of qualified teachers will be lessened by the transfer of routine paper work to administrative assistants assigned from the Medical Service Corps. This will allow the professional instructors to devote the major portion of their time to teaching and to the care of patients.

Qualified instructor personnel will be kept on duty in their present assignments for as long as possible. When it becomes necessary to move them, they will be placed in such locations as to enable them to teach so that maximum utilization can be made of their experience and ability.

Special instruction in the best methods of medical education is being provided for key military instructor personnel by means of short courses at selected civilian medical teaching institutions.

The number of conferences at which attendance by all residents and interns is required is being reduced. Where possible, these will be held at such times as will not interfere with bedside teaching. Likewise the administrative duties of student officers are being reduced to the bare minimum consistent with ex-



Army Surgeons at Work

cellent care of patients under their supervision.

More adequate means of resident-intern selection, and evaluation of progress, are being placed in operation. Personal interviews will receive special emphasis. Individual evaluations will be made of student officers by the civilian instructors as well as by the regularly assigned chiefs of services and sections at the teaching hospitals.

The actual content of the program of instruction for each special field will be developed in more detail. Portions of the program will be delegated to the military or civilian instructor who is best qualified in each particular phase, so that accurate and complete coverage will be obtained within the residency span.

Finally, the present obstacles in the organization of interns and residents into the accepted pyramidal system are being overcome, so that the student officers may be given increased responsibility in care of patients, teaching and the supervision of others as they progress

from one year of training to the next.

General Bliss pointed out that the improvements are a part of a continuing effort to place Army teaching hospitals on an equal plane with the best civilian teaching hospitals. As such, they will contribute much to the Army Medical Department's broad program of making service in its various Corps more attractive to the individual from the professional point of view.

He reported that the internists, surgeons and psychiatrists who surveyed nine Army general hospitals—each three-doctor team spending three to five days at a hospital—found that what they saw of the professional training compares favorably, for the most part, with the quality of residency training given at civilian teaching centers with which they are familiar.

At present 204 Regular Army Medical Corps officers are participating in the post-graduate instruction program as residents in the various recognized special fields of medicine and surgery. The objective

of each is certification as a diplomat by one of the 16 American Specialty Boards in the field of medicine and surgery.

In addition, 50 positions will be made available on January 1, 1948, to applicants for the Regular Army who are now in the continental United States and 50 more will be offered to applicants who are overseas, effective July 1, 1948. The Office of The Surgeon General will furnish further information to doctors who are interested.

Favorable response to the opportunities for professional advancement that the Medical Department's new program affords is shown by the picture regarding Army internships. Already this year there have been 334 applications for 168 spaces divided among Brooke, Letterman, Fitzsimons, Walter Reed and Oliver General Hospitals. Senior medical students applied from 55 Class A medical schools. This compares with the total of 55 applications received last year, of which 21 candidates were accepted.

Of the 106 applicants who have been approved thus far for internships beginning July 1, 1948, 13 had a scholastic standing among the first 10 of their class. These men represent the following medical schools: Emory, Ohio State, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Jefferson, Tennessee, Nebraska, George Washington, Minnesota and Indiana.

Thirty others stood in the first third of their respective classes and 58 were in the middle third, scholastically.

The hundreds of Army doctors who will receive internship and residency training this year and next, with some of the Nation's leading specialists as their instructors, as well as war-seasoned military medical personnel, constitute a group separate and distinct from others receiving special courses in civilian hospitals and schools.

General Bliss revealed that during the 27 months preceding October of this year, 872 Army Medical Department officers benefited by special courses. These ranged in length from a few weeks to several months and encompassed most of the medical and surgical specialties, as well as such allied fields as sanitary engineering, dietetics, nursing and education.

People seem not to realize that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character.—Emerson.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



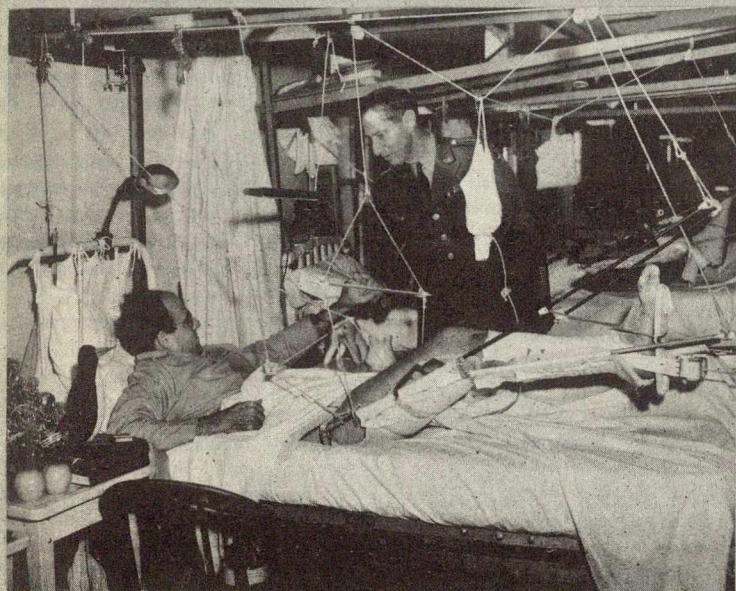
COLONEL WINN

Bids adieu to General and Mrs. Clark at the conclusion of their visit to Letterman on Christmas morning.



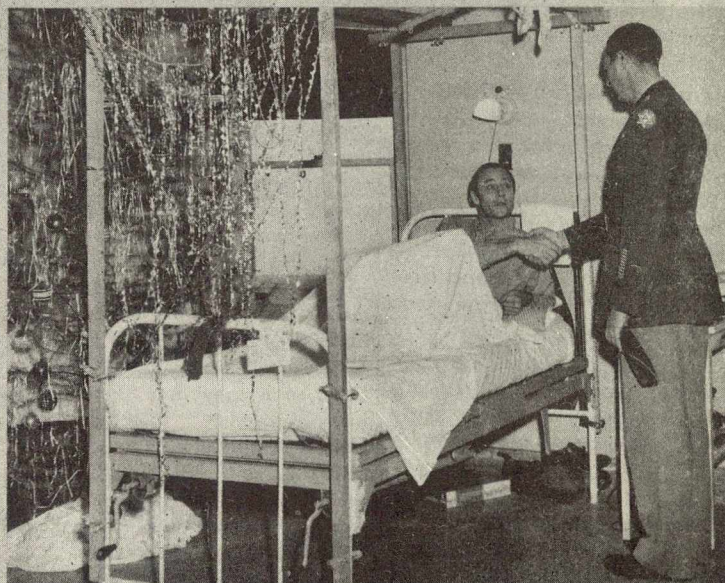
PVT. CHARLES HANSHEW

Is greeted by General Clark on Ward F-1 with Major King and Colonel Winn standing by.



MAURICE BURNS

Veteran -- and bedfast receives Christmas wishes from General Clark.



TECH. SGT HARVEY CHELF

and General Clark talk over the African campaign.

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EDITORIAL

EAST-WEST

When Mr. Kipling wrote "Oh, East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet" he did not foresee the annual meeting of the East and the West on the gridiron of Kezar Stadium.

For more than twenty years that meeting has taken place on the first day of the New Year, and for a cause that holds first place in the hearts of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine — their hospitals for crippled children.

It is a noble project and everyone responds nobly to the appeal for help for the helpless. The players are the pick of the country, consider it an honor to be invited to play in the Shrine game, and forego their holidays at home and fire-side to come to San Francisco for the event.

The participants in the pageant that is part of the program give generously of their time to add a touch of color to the scene. The public avidly purchases the tickets for such a worthy cause and the game is always a sell-out. There are two prospective purchasers for every available ticket.

The Shrine slogan for the players: "They run—so others may walk" tells the story in appealing terms. It does not fall on deaf ears.

San Francisco is proud to be the locale of the Shrine East-West football game and San Franciscans honor the men who

WACS

The WACS "Egg Nog" Party on Christmas Day has left them with that added glow which will start their New Year with a bang, resolutions and all.

Sgt. Caroline Wirt looks as if her visit to Wheatland, California, was "just what the Dr. prescribed for her." Was it, Caroline?

Capt. Lasseter is entertaining a visitor who has a little dog called "Pinkie." "Pinkie and Patty" are the twosome around the barracks, now. No straying for Patty, Capt. so relax and enjoy your company.

S/Sgt. Violet Collings has returned to duty after three (3) months in the hospital. Welcome back, Collings, and don't let them 'bugs' bite again.

T/5 Helen Hicks is spending a three-day pass in Sacramento. Yes, nothing like a change in climate to give one a lift.

T/3 Rose McKnight is spending her three day pass in the barracks catching up on her reading, 'riting, and yes, sleep. The arms of Morpheus are sweeter than the sound of the alarm clock. Agreed???

Experiences galore will be forthcoming from T/Sgt. Stella Wilson and her husband who are driving back from Connecticut after spending a forty-five (45) day furlough among friends and relations. Here's hoping the snow drifts don't numb our friends so they stutter and splutter in telling the saga of the "snowy east."

Dancing has completely captivated the WACS. The El Patio has made tired Cinderella's out of T/4 Ethel Stepp, T/5 Sheila Daugherty, T/3 Jessie Pekarski, and T/5 Louise Hass, so if they limp through the halls, remember, "Play plus work keeps one alert."

T/4 Bessie Jeffries can probably predict next year's census. Her work in the pre-natal clinic keeps her stepping with the times.

Bowling is still 'the' sport if the scores of T/3 Edith Altenburg with 185 and T/4 Carelyn Fix with 165 are any indications of prowess.

Cpl. Lucy Sellars is true and blue, gals; "she sees all, hears all, and says nothing."

build and maintain the hospitals for crippled children.

Well done, Shriners.



The nurses Recreation Hall festively decorated and the fireplace ablaze was the ideal setting for the very successful "At Home" last Sunday. Among the guests were Colonel and Mrs. Winn, retired nurses from the Bay area, and the Commissioned personnel and their families.

Lieut. Col. Elsie E. Schneider in a very becoming pink tea dress and Major Frances C. Henchey in blue, highlighting her eyes, were the charming hostesses of the day.

Ask Capt. Vida L. Buehler about how she spent her Christmas Day and a very merry, mischievous twinkle darts out of her eyes. We wonder why???

A bouquet and a vote of thanks to Capt. Velma Richardson and her staff who worked like beavers on menus, trays, and decorations, for the bed patients and personnel on the post. Thank you, and you, and you, from one and all.

Lieut. Patricia Murphy played Santa Claus to the girls at the house, and a very pretty one at that is the consensus of opinion.

The following officers have been enjoying the holiday season with friends and families: Lieut. Lois Dahlquist at Seattle, Washington; Lieut. Elsie Ehman at Lodi, California; Lieut. Alta Owens at Compton, California; Lieut. Margaret Williams at Fresno, California; and Lieut. Catherine Bjorklund at Reolinda, California. And so their New Year will start with "happy faces and helping hands."

What happened to Lieut. Betty Hearn that she found herself in Lieut. Adele Duke's apartment Christmas morning. Is it possible that she was lulled to sleep by that "Long Island Lullaby."

Those of you who are "Art" enthusiasts try to wrangle an invitation from Lieut. Ruth Wall. Her collection of etchings are superb and she loves to share them. An expensive hobby, Lieut., but a lasting pleasure.

If any "peck, peck" sounds are heard on the wards or in quarters, it's only the typing students striving to keep one jump ahead of the

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 4 January, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Mary Virginia Himes

Funeral services for the late Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) Mary Virginia Himes, Army Nurse Corps, retired, who died at Letterman last week, were held from the Chapel of Our Lady in the Presidio of San Francisco on Monday morning. Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna was the celebrant at the Mass of Requiem and officiated at the interment ceremonies in the National Cemetery in the Presidio.

Mrs. Himes joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1910 and served at stations in the continental limits as well as overseas during her active service. She was retired for physical disability in 1936 and made her home in San Francisco until her death.

Arrangements for the funeral were made by her close friend, Captain Blanche H. Eager, ANC., who came by plane from Washington, D. C., where she is stationed. There are no surviving relatives.

RECEPTION

The Commanding Officer and Mrs. Winn were hosts to the officers and ladies of the garrison at a reception held in the Officers' Club on the morning of New Year's day. Mrs. Leonard D. Heaton and Mrs. William S. George assisted in serving egg nog and Major Earle C. C. Paxson presented the guests.

instructor. Never say die, Lieutenants.

Lieut. Leah Crawford appeared with the "New Look" in her hair-do and style causing excitement galore among her friends.

WAC OF THE WEEK



STELLA GOODMAN
Technician Fifth Grade

That middle initial in T/5 Stella Goodman's name stands for Ruth, which is the name she was always called until she came into the Army. But since the Army has a way of insisting on putting first names first, she is now used to being called Stella, though she prefers the other name.

Stella Ruth was born in Ceases Mills, Pennsylvania, but has lived in California ever since she was 13. She first lived in Fresno, but has since been in so many California cities and towns that she says she feels she knows the state very well, "from Petaluma on down." Before she joined the Army she did practical nursing.

She first enlisted in the WAC in March 1944, and after completing basic training at Fort Des Moines, she went to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where she worked on the surgical wards in the station hospital. She was there until June 1945, when she received her discharge.

After her return to civilian life, she went to Taft, California, where she worked in a private hospital, doing private duty and some general duty nursing for the next two years. She decided to re-enlist in the WAC, and did so last August. Shortly afterward she came to Letterman, and was assigned to Central Service. She was recently promoted to her present grade of Technician Fifth Grade.

One of her favorite pastimes is crocheting, and she has made a number of her Christmas gifts. She enjoys the ballet, good shows and reading, particularly mysteries.

Daschunds are not recommended as pets for soldiers stationed in Alaska. They keep the door open too long, going in and out.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

T. L. C. that's what Joe Case and Charles Gibson are looking for these days. They are both bed patients on Wd D-2 and define T.L.C. as "Tender, Loving, Care."

If you want some small change for a telephone call, see Kenneth Baldon Wd B-2. He handed the waitress a \$20.00 bill after ordering a cup of coffee in the P. X. Kenneth was certain he would get the coffee gratis, but being a woman, the waitress made change, most of it in silver. Better luck next time, Kenny.

Harvey Chelf wields a wicked scapel, not for its intended purpose. He finds this particular item of surgical hardware extremely useful in his hobby of woodcarving. Harvey, a patient on C-2, while bedridden, has turned out some interesting wood carvings.

The last barber that mowed Loren Parmelee's hair for him soured him on all practitioners of the tonsorial trade for life. Loren claims that the next time his ears are lowered it will be done by a plastic surgeon.

Maurice Crouch, that tall, rugged Texas, on Wd B-2, who has such a way with the women, doesn't want his name in print so we will just give his initials—M. C.

A Christmas furlough meant a lot to Bruce Olsen on Wd F-1. It enabled him to make his first trip to his home in Van Nuys, California, in almost two years.

The title of Rip Van Winkle will go to the winner of "See Who Can Get The Most Sleep" contest being held on Wd B-1. At this writing Michael Chance and Felix Sharp are tied for first place.

It is reported that John Ford and John Yuen were invited out to an exceptionally good Christmas Dinner at the home of Mrs. Davenport Bradley on the peninsula. Mrs. Bradley is a regular patron of Letterman patients and knows just what the fellows like in the way of food and entertainment.

One of Letterman's better model builders is Othel Hayes, Wd 28. He has just about finished a large gas model plane. It looks as if it will be a good one. Our flight editor claims it is styled after an X-2 "elebentyen."

Dead weight is all crutches or a cane mean to James Ford, Wd C-2. He was seen strolling up the ramp with his crutches under his arm and dragging a cane.

Wedding bells rang out as Manuel Barron strolled up the aisle with Miss Jini Segerland the 12th of December. The couple intend to make their home in Los Angeles as soon as Barron is discharged. He is a patient on Wd D-1.

Frank "Hot-Rod" Servin, Wd E-1, intends to go into the business of manufacturing racing cars after he is discharged. In the meantime he designs and makes small cars, carving them from balsa wood. The miniatures are complete with generators, spark plugs, and all.

The weaving of four place mats and a table runner was the way Glenn O'Donald, Wd 31, chose to spend his time in the O. T. shop. Each mat is of a different color and all together they make a very attractive set.

"Pitch and Putt," "nine iron," "slice," "got a birdie," "it was the wind," "I tell ya," and so on into the night, is the only talk you will hear from "divot diggers" Clarence Weber, Carl Patton, Joe Stuart and Vernon Larkin on Wd 28.

Ray Warburton has a different pin-up picture for every day of the week. He keeps the patients on Wd C-2 guessing which one he will show next.

The only report out of Wd 29 was, "come back after pay day and New Year's Eve. There will be all kinds of news and tall tales for the Fog Horn then."

Library

The Literary Guild selection for December is "The Tamarack Tree," by Howard Breslin. In the little Vermont village of Stratton, on a July day in 1840, the Whigs held a great convention. Daniel Webster spoke, and 20,000 people gathered to hear him and enjoy the festivities. The convention is made the focal point of the lives of the villagers. There is Zilpha, the restless wife; Lovina, whose Charles thought they shouldn't be married yet; a gay blade from Princeton; and others. The alcohol in the cider released the emotions and convention-bound inhibitions of many reticent farmers, to provide the proper romance and tragedy for this costume drama. It's pretty good! In the Library.

Sgt.: "Name a great time-saver!"
Pvt.: "Love at first sight!"

ON THE SPOT



KENNETH SPINKS
Private First Class

With good humor and an ever-ready smile Kenneth Spinks has won the friendship of all who know him. Spinks is known as the Chief Director of Operations and Honorary Mayor of Ward K2.

He first donned a khaki uniform August 28, 1946, when he enlisted in the Army in his home town, Ottumwa, Iowa. Shortly after taking his basic training at Saac Field, Texas, Kenneth was shipped overseas to Japan, where he served with the 5th Air Force, as an airplane mechanic. Most of his time in Japan was spent at the Itami Army Air Base, near Osaka. While on duty at the Itami Base he was sent to school in Tachakawa, Japan, where he took a twelve weeks course in airplane mechanics.

It was during his stay in Japan that Spinks was seriously injured while working on an airplane. He was hospitalized for a short period at the 49th General Hospital in Tokyo and then flown to Letterman, arriving here August 1 last year.

Although paralyzed, his willingness to participate in the activities on ward, and his continued high spirits have gained him the admiration of his fellow patients.

Kenneth expects to be transferred to a veterans hospital near his home some time this month. He has hopes of some day going to college in his home state to study mechanical engineering, a subject in which he is very interested. His drive, initiative, and courage will enable him to realize this ambition.

The staff, patients and personnel of Letterman wish him the best of luck.

We know a certain Scotch Sailor who has a new girl friend so attractive that when he takes her home in a taxi he can hardly keep his eyes on the meter!

CIVIL CIRCLES

The New Year was ushered in very quietly judging from the reports of that well-known "little bird." Our little friend goes on to tell us that Ray Shine of Civilian Personnel is still on the sick list and is doing everything for his cold, but says his cold is doing nothing for him, except making him miserable. Two more victims of the cold bug are Leah Frisbee of the Library and Esther Kleinclaus, Detachment of Patients. A slight cold didn't prevent Esther Grobler of Civilian Personnel from joining "Maggie" Trum-pour of Finance for a four day skiing holiday at Donner Summit. Please note: From now on "Maggie" wants to be called Margret.

Word has been received that Vivian Halvorsen, formerly of the AAF Liaison office at Letterman and now at Pan-American Air Lines, received a beautiful diamond engagement ring for Christmas.

Bernice Blake of the Sergeant Major's office claims the best Christmas present of all was the delivery of the long-awaited-for new car—a bright and shiny Pontiac sedan. It arrived a few days before Christmas and Bernice and her husband, Len, have really been going places.

Elizabeth Thomas of Civilian Personnel attended the Pasadena Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day to see the Michigan-USC teams in action.

Jeanne Struck of Registrar's office, who belongs to a folk dancing club, attended the folk dance festival held in Fairfax on New Year's Eve.

A bouquet to Civilian Payroll Section who gave up their holiday leave to stay on the job to see that the checks got out in time.

Frances Ahrens of Registrar's office was matron of honor for her sister, Aurora, who was married New Year's Eve. Frances held a reception at her home for the couple after the ceremony.

Who is the girl reporting to her office at nine o'clock these shortened days, dons a white coat, and proceeds to the PX Grill for a leisurely breakfast? And on Government time, too. Tsk! Tsk!

There are two things to aim at in life: first to get what you want; and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second.—**Logan Pearsall Smith.**

SHE WILL SOON EXCHANGE THE INITIALS "OTR" FOR "WMSC"



Miss LOUISA R. LINDOW, OTR
It will shortly be "Lieutenant Lindow"

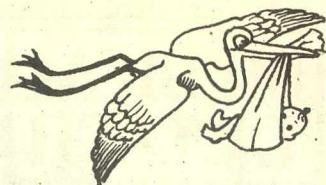
Last week Miss Louisa Lindow of Occupational Therapy here at Letterman was notified of her acceptance as an Occupational Therapist in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps, and she is now happily looking forward to getting into uniform. Louisa refers to herself as "Army brat," and why not, since her father is Colonel George Lindow, now stationed here with the Sixth Army, her two brothers were in the Army during the war, and Louisa herself was born at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. No wonder she wants to wear a uniform.

Louisa's surname, Lindow, rhymes with window, but she isn't too sure about using that formula to impress the pronunciation on people's memory, ever since someone called her mother "Mrs. Pane," as a result of this piece of information.

A good deal of Louisa's life has been spent on Army posts. Among the places she knows from the Army point of view are posts in Washing-

ton, D. C., in Colorado, Illinois, Texas, California, the Philippines and Hawaii. She attended the University of Colorado, where she majored in sociology and psychology. She worked for a time as a dental assistant at Camp Barkley, Texas, and later was handcraft instructor at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

She received her Occupational Therapy training at Milwaukee Downer College, and her first O. T. assignment was at William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas. After an interlude away from Army hospitals, during which she worked with cerebral palsy patients at the Catholic Sanitarium in Springfield, Ill., and at Children's Hospital in San Francisco, she came back to the Army last August, when she came to Letterman. For a time she was in the diversional O. T. Shop here, but was later assigned to her present work in the functional O. T. Shop.



T M/Sgt. and Mrs. George Amos Moore, a boy, **George Amos, III**, born 20 December.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Donald H. DeNeau, a girl, **Donna Gale**, born 21 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Ellsworth W. Smith, a boy, **Thomas Charles**, born 22 December.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John W. Gramlich, Jr., a girl, **Donna Marie**, born 23 December.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur G. Stevens, a boy, **Robert Marshall**, born, 23 December.

To Captain and Mrs. Albert L. Runkle, a girl, **Kathleen Alice**, born 24 December.

To Major and Mrs. Frederick R. Krug, a girl, **Mary Ellen**, born 24 December.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Harry W. Sauerholf, a girl, **Karen**, born 25 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Cyril Poole, a girl, **Rosemary Gwyneth**, born 26 December.

To Cpl. and Mrs. John Edward Wachtler, a boy, **David John**, born 27 December.

Library

Just for a change, would you like a book with no adultery, no neuroticism, no degradation of mankind? You'll find it in "The Merry Innocents," by Nolan Miller. This is a novel about a wonderful family and the events that lead up to a joyous American Christmas. The professor is good-natured and wise (most of the time) and his wife is a bit vague but charming; his children are perfect and imperfect. It will recall to most readers their own happiness, hopes and ambitions as a member of a "normal" family. In the Library.

Her own favorites among the crafts she teaches are jewelry designing and stencilling and silk screen work. She worked on the attractive silk-screen Christmas card designed for the LGH Physical Medicine Service—the one showing a cable car marked "P.T. — O.T. — P.R." for the three sections of the Physical Medicine set-up.

Louisa likes tennis, swimming, dancing, eating, "just riding in cars," and reading whodunits.

MEDICAL DETACH

Detachment 1st Sgt. Orlin Oxenrider complains: "All my staff have writers cramp from writing Christmas and New Year passes." We hope that everyone took his TS card and punch along when they went to pick up their passes.

Corporal James Hodges of Classification and Assignment was visited recently by his cousin 1st Lieut. Earl Manuel, who was transferred to Hamilton Field from Fort Worth AAF Base.

Sequel to a paragraph in the December 20th issue: Corporal John Cratty, commonly known as "Romeo Jack" and his "Andy Gump" are both still running strong. Jack now feels that he is ready for the big time; not that he was exactly an amateur before.

1st Sgt. Kenneth Robbins of Convalescent Services is known around the NCO Club as "Big B" (beer and bingo).

It is rumored that on Christmas Day, M/Sgt. Harold W. Larsen of Physical Therapy was heard muttering something to this effect: "Ten thousand Swedes ran through the weeds, chased by one sick Norwegian." Rough life, Isn't it Swede?

Tec. Sgt. John Mallen of EENT Clinic is offended, or we might say neglected, by a remark we had in the Medical Detach Column last week comparing him to a barrel that walks like a man. John was not offended by the fact that we referred to him as getting somewhat corpulent, but because, in his opinion we overlooked the main offender. To quote the immortal words of John: "Say, where do you get off with that stuff? Just take a look at that guy Riley" (T/3 Lawrence J. Riley of EKR Clinic who is Mallen's roommate).

T/5 Ted Zurawsky of Ward S-1 is another member of the "Pappy" Club. His daughter weighed in ring-side at 9 lbs. 10 oz. on the 21st of December. Congratulations Ted.

T/4 Charles Catterlin of Educational Reconditioning Branch arrived back in our fair City and Hospital from a Christmas furlough in Los Angeles. "Monte" arrived safe and sound but we cannot guarantee how long he will stay that way unless he quits comparing the climates of Frisco and L. A. The poor fellow lives in L. A.

THEY ALWAYS COME BACK WHEN THEY CAN—AS DID COL. GEORGE



Colonel WILLIAM S. GEORGE, M.C.
Assistant Chief, Medical Service

One of the effects of the "Letterman spirit" is that everyone who is at any time exposed to it will exert every effort to get back here for station just about as often as the law allows.

A good example is Colonel William S. George, who is the Assistant Chief of the Medical Service at this time. He had a two year tour here between 1938 and 1940 and never suppressed the yearning to return. Never even tried to suppress it, and back he came in his present capacity just two years ago.

Colonel George was born in Jackson County, Missouri, which makes him eligible for all kinds of honors in the matter of station and position. He went to the Central Missouri State College for his academic studies and completed the medical course at Washington University in St. Louis. He came into the army by way of a medical internship at Fort Sam Houston in 1929 and received his commission in the medical corps of the Regular Army the following year.

His first assignment was to the 5th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Clark where he remained until ordered to the Army Medical Center for post graduate training. After a year there he spent three years at Fort Hayes in Columbus, Ohio, and then had a three year tour in Panama at Colon Hospital. In 1938 he was first exposed to LGH as we have said above.

The imminence of war brought about his assignment to the Station Hospital at Camp San Luis Obispo, and later as Division Surgeon of the 93rd Division. Subsequently he organized and trained the 97th Evacuation Unit, took it overseas, and landed at Normandy with the invasion forces. When the fighting ceased he was charged with the deactivation of the 136th Evacuation Hospital and when that task was done he came back to Letterman.

Colonel George was awarded the Legion of Merit and wears the European ribbon with five battle stars. He was recently advanced to a fellowship in the American College of Physicians and elected a diplomat

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Maintenance crews are sprucing up the hospital cars for the next movement of patients 6 January 1948. Meantime 193 patients are enjoying a record stay in Crissy Annex. Their two-week stay over of sight seeing, feasting and entertaining is the longest any group has been held at Crissy during the current year. Few patients complained about being away from home this Christmas. Each debarkee rejoiced at being back in the good old USA. Each man looked lovingly at the bay and was filled with a festive spirit around the Christmas table. Although deprived of mother's cooking, on Christmas each man was jubilant.

T/Sgt. Kernop and T/Sgt. Drashner were seen at the NCO Club at the Presidio on a recent evening. That's not news. But when two T/Sgts. amicably share one girl friend, that's most extraordinary. These two Lotharios entertained the same girl at Christmas dinner, which one flipped heads and won the honor of accompanying her home is what we would like to know?

M/Sgt. Lindquist and his better half spent the Christmas in Stockton with his brother, fighting the holiday traffic and fog both ways, stating he was sure glad to be home.

T/Sgt. Dougherty, wife and his four bambinos spent three days over Christmas in Sacramento, and he is still wondering how Santa Claus ever got the wagon and doll buggies together in time for Christmas morn.

M/Sgt. Washburn says, "It's no wonder I'm broke. Did you ever try to buy tricycles for four, and I do mean four."

Capt. Frank A. Pedersen spent the Christmas holiday with his parents in Los Angeles, where he and his wife watched their year-old son Stevie unwrap the "green and white."

of the American Board of Specialists in Internal Medicine.

In 1926 the colonel was married to Miss Jessie Ellen Williams at St. Louis and there are three children in the family—Peggy Jean, William S. Jr., and Benjamin.

The "S" stands for Smith which explains his nickname "Smitty."



do you have room on **YOUR** shoulder for one of these proud patches?

THE 4th INFANTRY DIVISION

—“The Ivy Division”

Gained fame for its drive through the Ardennes Forest and penetration of the Siegfried Line. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, the 8th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division became the first Allied unit to battle the Germans on the Normandy Beaches.

THE 5th INFANTRY DIVISION

—“The Red Devils”

Pushed 700 miles across France, crossing the Main, Seine, Yonne, Marne, Aisne, Meuse and Moselle Rivers. From July 10 to November 22, 1944, took more than 7800 prisoners. Was one of the divisions Gen. Patton used to attack the flank of the “Bulge.”

THE 9th INFANTRY DIVISION

—“Hitler’s Nemesis”

The 9th Infantry Division spearheaded the invasions of North Africa and Sicily, cut off the Cotentin Peninsula in France. It was the first infantry division to cross the Rhine.

THE 3rd ARMORED DIVISION

—“The Spearhead Division”

Has many “firsts” to its credit. First to fire an American field artillery shell on German soil. First to enter Germany. First to capture a German city. First to enter Cologne.

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Every young man who enlists in the Army today will be assigned to one of these divisions for his basic training, according to the area in which he is to be trained, and will be entitled to wear its colors. After basic training he will be transferred to the arm or branch for which he has enlisted or to which he is to be permanently assigned.

The 4th Infantry Division is located at Ft. Ord, Cal. The 5th Infantry Division is at Ft. Jackson, S. C. The 9th Infantry Division is at Ft. Dix, N. J. And the 3rd Armored Division is at Ft. Knox, Ky.

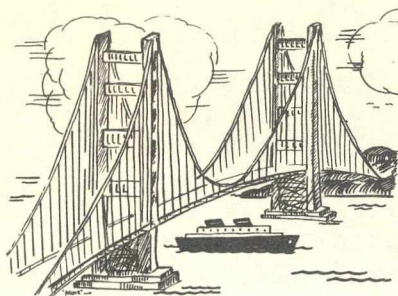
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Secretary of The Army is Letterman Visitor

The Honorable Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, was a Letterman visitor on Tuesday morning. The Secretary was accompanied by General Mark W. Clark, commanding general of the 6th Army, and Colonel A. R. Ginsburgh, the executive assistant to the Secretary.

Mr. Royall called on the patients on the surgical wards and it was a real "home folks" visit. He greeted each by name and asked about progress toward complete health, inviting the patients to call on him if he could be of assistance.

The crowded itinerary arranged originally for the Secretary of the Army did not allow time for a visit to the hospital. The program was set up on the split second time table method so necessary in the activities of busy men and the head of the army qualifies easily for that category. However, Mr. Royall was reluctant to leave this area without seeing in person some of the men who still require treatment for the wounds received in battle, and it was his decision to alter the itinerary for a chat with our sick and wounded.

Mr. Royall had arrived in San Francisco that morning and was given a review of the troops on the Presidio parade ground. He next met with the officers in attendance at the National Guard convention of the 6th Army and members of the headquarters staff. It was following this event that he asked to visit Letterman for a short period before going back to San Francisco to make the principal address at the luncheon of the Commonwealth Club at the Palace Hotel by noon.

In the afternoon Mr. Royall and General Clark went over to Berkeley, to the University of California, as the guests of Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul for a view of the cyclotron



THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
Kenneth C. Royall, who visited patients at Letterman this week, stops on ward C-2 to talk with Pfc. Walter Hierakyi of Hawaii and Pfc. Antonio V. Arce of Los Angeles. With the secretary are General Mark Clark, commanding general of the Sixth Army, and Colonel Dean F. Winn, Letterman's commanding officer.

and a visit about the university, and in the evening the Secretary of the Army was the guest of the San Francisco Press Club at one of their well known "Gang Dinners" where everything said is "off the record."

On this visit to San Francisco Mr. Royall was accompanied by Mr. E. W. Pauley, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Major General Harry S. Aurand, Chief of Army Research and Development, Colonel A. R.

Ginsburgh, Executive Officer to the Secretary, and Lt. Colonel J. H. Batte, aide to the Secretary.

On the rounds of visit to the wards at Letterman the Secretary was accompanied by Colonel Dean F. Winn, the commanding officer, and Colonel Kermit H. Gates, the executive officer.

Mr. Royall and his party left for the east from Hamilton Field on Wednesday morning.

Colonel Winn Leaves For SGO Conference In Washington

Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer of Letterman, left for Washington on Friday morning to attend the conference arranged by the Surgeon General for all army surgeons and commanding officers of named general hospitals.

The conference will be held in the office of the Surgeon General on 15, 16, and 17, January and the address of welcome will be made by the Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Raymond W. Bliss. An outline of the aims of the conference will be given by Brigadier General George E. Armstrong, the Deputy Surgeon General.

Following these speakers, the conference will start on its program, the morning speakers of January 15, with their subjects, being as follows: "The Civilian Consultant Program," by Colonel F. L. Cole, M. C., Chief of the Surgical Consultants Division, SGO; "The Consultant Program, First Army," by Brigadier General Guy B. Denit, Surgeon of the First Army Area, Governors Island, N. Y.; "The Consultant Program, Letterman General Hospital," by Colonel D. F. Winn, M. C., Commanding Officer of Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California.

There will be addresses by members of the staff of the surgeon general at morning and afternoon sessions for the remainder of the conference.

The Surgeon General's buffet supper will be given at the Army Medical Center on the evening of 16 January.

On Saturday, 17 January, the Surgeon General will bring into the office some of the leaders in American Medicine to discuss ways and means of improving the Army's consultants problem.

"Music of the Masters" On The Air Here Over 300 Times

During December the KLGH recorded program "Music of the Masters" went on the air for the 300th time since its inception less than a year ago. The records played on these programs are from the private collection of Sergeant Harry Wagner, who owns the sixth largest privately-owned collection in the United States.

The programs are broadcast as a part of the Educational Reconditioning Music Department activities. Time of the program has been increased from one-half hour to two hours daily, and on Sunday four-hour concerts are broadcast. Daily broadcasts are from 9 to 11 p. m.; on Sunday, from 7 to 11 p. m.

"Music of the Masters" features only classical music, but another program, which began last month, and is on the air from 6 to 7 p. m. daily, presents music of other types, folk songs, ballads and lighter music. This program is "The Music Room Presents," and the records used on this broadcast are also from Sgt. Wagner's collection.

When Sergeant Wagner came to Letterman from Bushnell General Hospital in July 1946, patients and duty personnel could hear individual records and specially arranged concerts only in the music room where the records were housed. The broadcasts were started in order to make it possible for bed patients too to enjoy the concerts.

The music room has recently moved to a location near the radio room, and during the afternoon patients may come in and hear records in which they are specially interested. Requests for records to be played on the air are also welcomed.

Sergeant Wagner introduces each recording with brief comments about the composer and his work, or about the particular composition to be played. When he first came to Letterman, his collection contained about 22,000 records, and was valued at \$45,000. Since then he has constantly been adding new recordings, getting the new releases as soon as they are available, and has increased the collection by more than 3,000. Last week he received 28 new albums of records. His collection is now insured for \$50,000.

In arranging his "Music of the Masters" programs, Sgt. Wagner says he carefully works out each program for correct balance. Programs may include a symphony, a concerto and shorter works, or may



THEY LIKE TO LISTEN

Sergeant Harry Wagner produces the requested records for three patients who have come to the music room to hear some of their favorites. L. to R.: Albert Hebert, ward B-2; Robert Ely, ward B-2; Raymond Darrah, ward 31.

consist of recordings of the works of a single composer.

Rare works have been given first consideration, and Letterman listeners have been fortunate in hearing many "first" recordings. It was found, after checking with local radio stations, that KLGH carried the San Francisco premieres of many recordings, among them the following: The operas—"L'Amico Fritz," "Bastien and Bastienne," "Hansel and Gretel," oratorios—"The Seasons," by Haydn; "The Dream of Gerontius," by Elgar.

Sergeant Wagner has been collecting records since he was nine years old. He attended a children's concert in Los Angeles and heard Walter Damrosch conduct "Tschai-kowsky's "Nutcracker Suite." When he told his mother how much he wanted a recording of the music, she bought it for him, and the collection went on from there.

Since then he has collected records at the rate of 1000 a year. Many of them have been gifts. The collection includes recordings made in France, Germany, England, Rus-

sia, Yugo-Slavia, Norway, Sweden, Holland and Czecho-Slovakia. Many rare records are included in the collection, among them a 40-year-old master recording of Caruso singing "Pagliacci," Edison cylinder-type recordings featuring the voices of Ernestine Schumann-Heink and Sarah Bernhardt, and a recording of Gounod's "Faust" which was recorded in France. This last is considered the "oldest and best operatic recording in existence," according to Sgt. Wagner.

There are a few popular records in the collection, but the majority are recordings of classical music.

Sgt. Wagner is a native of Los Angeles, and is the son of Mrs. Avis Wagner, now of Sunnyvale, California. He went to Bushnell shortly after his induction into the Army in 1942. He says he hopes that when his time in the Army is up he will be able to make his record library available for the public by means of a record library and listening room.

Before he entered the Army he studied at UCLA for two years, and

he hopes to return there to study music theory, harmony and conducting when he becomes a civilian again. However, his present enlistment still has a year to go, and he says he may decide to remain an Army man.

Sgt. Wagner is planning to arrange a series of special evening programs in the music room for duty personnel and their families.

He has an extensive knowledge of music and musicians, and says that his belief in the pleasure to be derived from music makes him strive constantly to bring the joys of musical appreciation to more and more listeners. He lives up to his credo, because in his off-duty hours, he likes, whenever possible, to attend concerts.

The sergeant is a soldier who has an ideal situation which permits his duty assignment with the hobby he has built to such proportions. He combines work with play and the patients benefit from the combination.

Nowhere but in the army could a man indulge his hobby to the same extent.

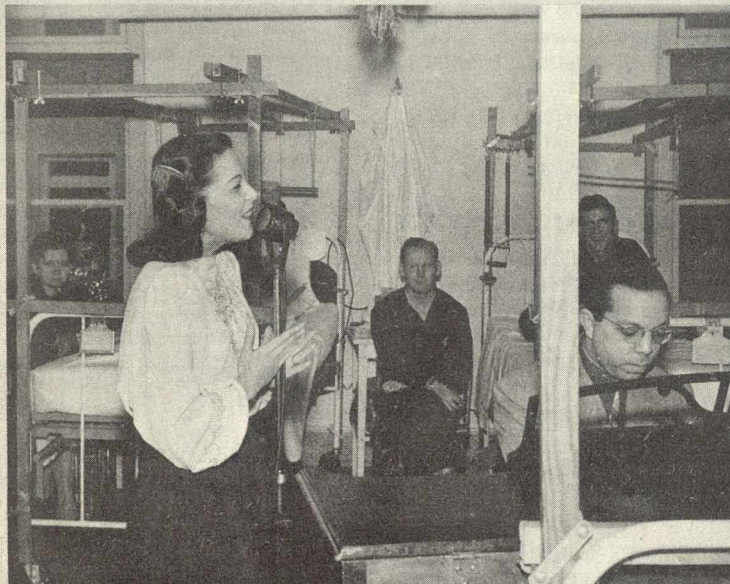
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



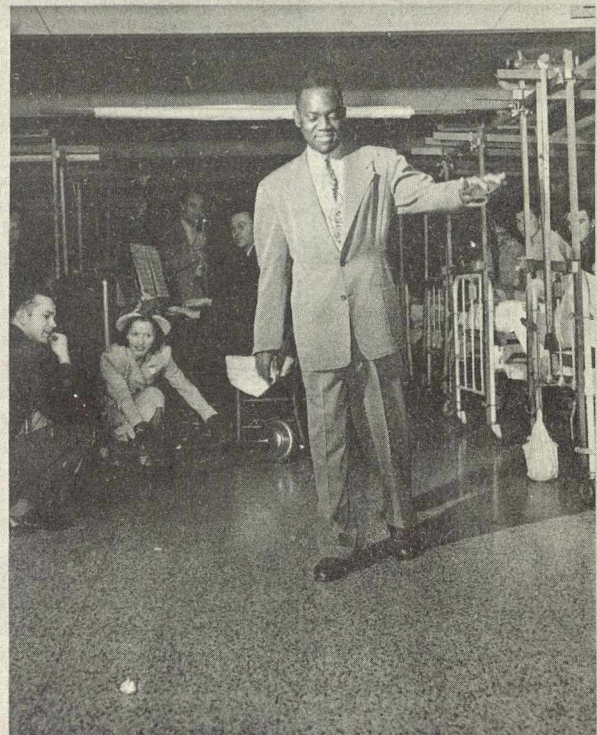
MARIE (THE BODY) MacDONALD
Sang and quipped her way through the wards on a recent afternoon. Above, Frank Davis of ward E-2 shows Marie the leather work he is doing.



THE RECEIVING LINE
Colonel and Mrs. Dean F. Winn greet Lieut.-Colonel Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse, at the Commanding Officer's reception held New Year's Day at the Letterman Officers' Club.



THEY LIKED HER
Carole Richards, vocalist with the Desi Arnaz band, sang for the patients when Desi and his entertainers were here recently. The pianist is Marco Rizo.



BILL "BOJANGLES" ROBINSON
Did one of his famous softshoe dances for LG H patients when he entertained on the wards during the holidays.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

MARCH OF DIMES

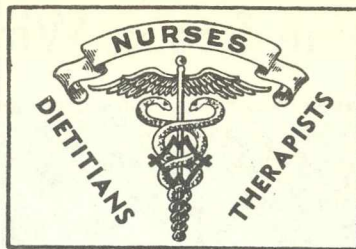
The 1948 March of Dimes drive will begin next week, on 15 January, and once again the nation is reminded that the time has come to contribute to the fund that finances the fight against infantile paralysis.

The money for research, for equipment, for training in the treatment of the disease, and for the treatment itself comes from these annual drives, which began a decade ago.

The fight against polio is organized under the control of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its 2,719 local chapters. They are simply the outlets. It is the individual American who, through his contributions, is carrying on the fight.

This January will mark the tenth anniversary of the National Foundation. Polio is striking harder and heavier than ever before. Only three times in the recorded history of the disease in this country has the mark exceeded the figure for 1947. During the last five years there has been an increase of 150 per cent over the preceding five years.

The person struck down by polio has a fighting chance to regain the use of arms and legs afflicted by the disease—with the right care and treatment. It is the support of the American public that has made fit possible for the National Foundation to pledge that no polio sufferer need go without



Lieut. Leah Crawford is quite the popular gal these days. A telephone call from Honolulu and an orchid on New Year's Eve. No wonder she walks on air.

Wedding bells are echoing in the distance for Lieut. Dorothy J. Firtenberger, who is leaving for Fort Hamilton, New York. Congratulations and good luck!

"Come, look at my wares" will be Lieut. Beulah Nye's bewildered cry. A surprise "Kitchen Shower" was tendered to her by Capt. Vilma Richardson and her staff. Do have fun, Lieut. Nye, and don't let it be said that kitchens aren't man's delight.

Lieut. Elizabeth J. Stevenson, the glamour gal of the Dietitians, is sporting a lovely new tan plus some "ga-ga" glasses. Is that your weakness, Lieut.?

These lucky people, Lieut. Aileen Lasse and Lieut. Emily Mueller saw the Tournament of Roses parade, Death Valley, and other places of interest in Southern California. Nothing like leaving "low fog" and basking in the sun. Too bad you couldn't bottle some of that sunshine for future use.

A welcome to Capt. Patricia Dolan, who was transferred to Letterman from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. As a regular Army nurse she has seen 11 years of service in various places, including Pearl Harbor, where she was stationed on that eventful day, 7 December 1941. She probably could tell you a breath-taking story.

These people who will go to Reno for "skiing," say they, instead of to Sutro's for skating—Lieut. Betty Hearn, Lieut. Leah Crawford, and Lieut. Denne Kuntz set out for their objectives but were turned back by the forces of nature. Better luck next time, gals.

A reunion took place at Letterman between Lieut. Loretta Bevins and Lieut. Bernardine Wagner.

treatment and care for lack of funds—regardless of age, race, creed or color.

Be generous in your giving to the 1948 March of Dimes.

WAC

Back in Holstead, Kansas, where she is spending a 30 day leave of absence, Capt. Frances V. Peterson was happy to discover some long forgotten "woolies" in the attic of her ancestral home. The climate in Kansas is unlike that of California.

Metropolitan Opera scouts have received word that there is another "Lily Pons" residing in barracks 212. Cheers of "Bravo," "Encore" are heard every time Chris retires to the showers and gives out with high "C."

We are very happy to see that Lieut. Margaret Kimpton is very much herself again after being hospitalized for so long. Nice people should stay on tap.

It seems that 1st Sgt. Eileen Winters becomes oriented each noon hour to barracks life. She eats her lunch in the day room and beams on those who drop in for a chat, returning to her quarters, off-the-post, each day with a feeling of well being.

Romance, which is usually a springtime fancy, has come to S/Sgt. Dorothy Bennett, who pays no attention to seasonal changes, hence the far away look in her eyes.

Talents are many and varied among the WACS, even though they are not apparent to the seeing eye. S/Sgt. Aletha Birchfield, Sgt. Frances Black, Sgt. Christine McConnell, and T/4 Sally Craig, are all developing into "Broadway" stars. Their latent dramatic ability blossoms under the direction of Capt. Garcia and M/Sgt. Hal Walker of 6th Army.

While passing through the hospital on various errands how about stopping in to see Blanche Tremblay on Ward R and Carolyn E. Fix on O-1, who are bed patients and would welcome a familiar face and a cheery "hello."

Capt. Margaret Lasseter, Capt. Charlotte Woodworth, and Lt. Adele Duke played bingo and nary a winner among them. How about a "trip" around your chairs to change your luck?

The following girls have returned from leaves: M/Sgt. Opal Glenn from Kilgore, Texas; S/Sgt. Golden Deal from Los Angeles; T/4 Sally Craig from Fontana, Calif., and T/4 Anna Christenson from Salt Lake City,

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 11 January, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Officers Elected To Serve the New Letterman NCO Club

At a meeting of Letterman NCOs at Crissy Theatre this week the following Cadre were elected to govern the new Letterman NCO Club which will be opened in the near future: Chairman, 1st Sgt. Willus W. Crump, 9956 TSU-SGO Medical Detachment; Board Members, 1st Sgt. Leland L. Lee, 9956 TSU-SGO Medical Detachment; M/Sgt. Lewis Stein, 9956 TSU-SGO Medical Detachment; M/Sgt. George Washburn, Hospital Train Unit; Technical Sergeant William C. Farmer of the Band and S/Sgt. Viola M. Hocking of the WAC.

All branches of the Letterman Cadre are represented on the board. Sergeant Stein was elected in absentia. The meeting was conducted by Major Faling and Captain Allen and the minutes recorded by S/Sgt. Sylvia Weiner, WAC. The contemplated site of the Club is the Crissy area former Post Exchange.

Utah. Welcome home and belated New Year greetings to you.

Former WAC S/Sgt. Dorcas Rosenfeld, who was head of the Ceramics department in the O.T. Shop when she was at Letterman, is wearing a sparkling new engagement ring, and during the holidays her engagement to Stanley Swecker was announced. Dorcas and her fiancé, who is also an artist, met two years ago while she was stationed in the East. At present he is studying at an art school in Colorado. No definite date for the wedding has been set as yet.

ON THE SPOT



LEE R. WHITE
Technical Sergeant

The first of April will mark a year and a half at Letterman Hospital and twenty-two years in the Army for Technical Sergeant Lee White of the Occupational Therapy Section.

Sergeant White first enlisted in the Medical Corps at Fort Bragg, N. C., April 1925. His initial assignment was to Walter Reed General Hospital, where he served for three years.

Aside from two months spent in the Infantry, Sergeant White's entire Army career has been with the Medical Corps. His posts have ranged from the Panama Canal to Anchorage, Alaska, where he spent three years—from 1941 to 1944—serving with the 183rd Station Hospital and the 75th Coast Artillery.

Sergeant White is known as a jack-of-all-trades to those who work with him in the O.T. shop. Though his official capacity is that of supply sergeant, he performs all sorts of odd jobs about the shop—helping patients, making gadgets, and assisting the Occupational Therapists, who call him the "O.T. Angel."

Along with being a good mechanic, Sergeant White has devised a system to beat the "gaming tables" at Reno. The system hasn't been perfected as yet, but the Sergeant has high hopes of making a killing soon.

Letterman General and the State of California are both ideal locations in which to serve, as far as Sergeant White is concerned. He can think of no better place to spend his remaining eight years before retirement, than right here. When his "thirty" are up, Sgt. White intends to go into business for himself repairing and selling electrical appliances.

Just where his home will be then

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

John Heninger of ward D-2 modestly refuses to take any credit for the efforts which won him second prize—a radio—for his decorative work on the ward's Christmas Corner. He says it's **nothing** that he personally trimmed the tree and "created" a star which is being preserved for Christmases to come.

A series of chess games and chess tournaments are being initiated by the Red Cross recreation workers. Any patients that are interested in competing in these games, or who want to learn the "sport of kings," are invited to turn their names in to a Gray Lady or call the recreation center.

Ray Deal is mighty proud of the "New-used" typewriter that he purchased through the War Assets Administration and justly so—Deal got a deal—"Whew!"

Suspected of being an agent of the "Gestapo" is Earl Massey, patient on ward K-1. He is continually cruising about the corridors "snapping" pictures with his new 120 camera.

A "reconditioning room" has been opened up in the rear of ward C-2. The operators of this little establishment call themselves the W.R.'s—wallet reconditioners—they can really ventilate one, too.

Down in the cellar, ward B-2, Don Hisey and Ken Baldon are teaching Ed Meier the finer points of pinochle and hearts. Up until now Ed has learned that there are four suits to a deck and little more, but he is trying.

The Don Juan of ward K-2 has returned. Joe Romero came back from a 60 day furlough spent at

he is not sure. Florida and California both rate about equally high in his mind as a place to retire. California has the edge now because it is not quite so hot during the summer months, but only time will tell.

In his off duty hours Sergeant White likes to attend the local wrestling matches which he fondly refers to as the "grunt and groan contests." During the seasons and when he is fortunate enough to get a three-day pass or a furlough Sergeant White takes to the "hills" and indulges in a little hunting and fishing.

his home in Arizona, 15 pounds heavier and just that much more jovial.

Now that we're on ward K-2; how and where did Paul Kee, the Parcheesi King from Hawaii, get that beautiful lei that is hanging over his bunk? Must be a story behind it, maybe more will be known next week.

Ward N-2 has more than its fair share of musicians. They should form a band, with Ted Kabza leading. Bill Davis could serve as composer and trumpeter, doubling on the French horn, while Bill Hyne beats out the "hot licks" on his drums. At the ivories would be Ray Caldwell. Ray has been studying piano for a year and a half. For vocalist, either of the Bills would do; they have both been professional crooners. There could really be a "jam session" if the boys would only get together.

Americo Salvetti has been boasting of his prowess as a hunter. The secretary on his ward, C-2, got him to promise to bring her a duck that had fallen before his mighty "12 gauge." The duck is due this Saturday. We'll see next week just how the story ends.

A fat-free diet brings tears to the eyes of Alexander Barry, ward C-2. Tipping the scales at a scant 190 pounds he is very concerned about his weight, and his waist line.

It's growing, growing, growing; that afghan that Chaplain Rex Lawhead is crocheting on ward D-2. At last look, the fancy foot-warmer was about ten feet long and a full half-inch wide.

There is a humorous story circulating about the wards about how an over curious dog fell into a septic tank. Gauden Walkins on ward A-1 can give more of the details.

Another good man has been "bit." Donald Robinson, ward B-2, has started paying six bits for dehydrated snow-balls, and ten bucks each for divot-digging sticks. He can be seen trudging back and forth, up and down the fairways of the local golf courses. His last recorded score was 122.

Six thousand, that's a lot of anything. Wallace Lockwood, ward N-2, is the proud possessor of that many stamps. Another member for the Letterman Stamp Club.

WAC OF THE WEEK



CLARA J. QUEEN
Technical Sergeant

T/Sgt. Clara Queen, who is on duty in the Operating Room here at Letterman, is at present turning over in her mind an idea for her own personal post-WAC project, though she hasn't quite come to a definite decision on the matter. She wants to open a nursery for very young children, ranging in age from six months to two years, where mothers can leave their babies for periods from one hour to a full day. She says she likes babies so much she wouldn't mind a bit how hard the work was.

Clara was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Her home now is Parkersburg, in the same state. Before she joined the WAC in February 1943, when it was the WAAC, she did practical nursing, so she had a foretaste of what it would be like in the Medical Department. However, she wasn't in that work at first.

She went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for her basic training, and was then assigned to cadre at Fort Devens, Mass., where she remained until August 1943, when she was one of the first WACs to go to Daytona Beach, Florida, when the Fourth WAC Training Center was opened there. She was there until February 1944.

Then came her first hospital work, at Madigan General at Fort Lewis, Washington, where she was assigned to surgery. After that she was at the Seattle Port of Embarkation for a time, then went to the station hospital at Dugway Proving Ground, Tooele, Utah. When that hospital closed in August 1947, she came to Letterman.

She likes bowling, softball and basketball, and plays the latter game on the Letterman Girls' team.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Helen Hoffman of Special Services and her husband Charles enjoyed a camping trip at Big Sur and Carmel last week. It was Helen's first experience with "camping out" techniques, and she says she likes it, from cooking to sleeping under the stars.

Esther Aguado, head of the Occupational Therapy Shops at Letterman, will become the bride of Herbert F. Bess on 28 January at the home of her family in Van Nuys, California.

Welcome back to Mary McFadden, who is fondly known by the Foghorn Staff as "Mrs. Foghorn."

Back from leave are Lee Bakken, who spent the holidays in Piedmont with friends, and Virginia De Trana of Out Patient Service, who visited friends in Los Angeles over the holidays, while Gus Tevis of Occupational Therapy spent three weeks vacation in Honolulu.

Our sympathies and sincere wishes for a quick recovery go to Louise Smith of Registrar's office who is very ill at Hanneman Hospital with pneumonia.

A new addition to the X-ray department is Ada Gorla. She has taken over the duties of Margie Cox who recently resigned.

Virginia Smith of Officers Personnel, recently returned from a trip to Hawaii, was seen at Letterman last week, with eyes aglow and many a tale to tell of her delightful vacation.

Wedding bells will ring for Mary Ivory of Civilian Personnel and Al Reinert this month. Mary has lived in the Bay Area all her life, and the couple will make their home here for a short time but will make their permanent home in—Florida.

Jeanette Gardiner of Registrar's office celebrated her birthday today—10 January. Jeanette says she's 38—just like Jack Benny.

Nadine Mannes of Receiving Office has just returned from a 30-day leave which she spent in Southern California.

Our thanks to Hannah Goldberg of Educational Reconditioning for her capable work on the WAC and the WMSC columns for the past three weeks. Her efforts are much appreciated.

"Why did you hit your husband with this baseball?"

"I couldn't find the bat."

SHE KNOWS ENGLAND AND CHINA, AND WOULD LIKE SOUTH AMERICA NEXT



Miss MAY K. CIKUTH, ARC
Red Cross recreation worker at Letterman

Vivacious, dark-haired May Cikuth has been a recreation worker with the Red Cross since December, 1943, and she is still as enthusiastic about her work as she was when her assignments first began. Here at Letterman she supervises the work of the volunteer groups—the Gray Ladies, the canteen workers and the hostesses. When she was first at LGH she was in charge of arrangements for off-post trips, and she says she has liked both her jobs very much.

May was born and grew up in Watsonville, California. She attended Notre Dame convent in Watsonville, and is a graduate of Mills College, Oakland, where she specialized in music. After finishing at Mills, she taught music in the primary grades.

May's travels, which have been extensive, began while she was teaching, when her parents gave her a trip to China one summer. She wanted to stay in China and teach, but decided against it when the Japanese began firing on Shanghai while she was there.

Shortly after she signed up with the Red Cross as a recreation worker, May was sent to Washington, D. C. for special overseas training, and early in 1944 she left for England. She was at a convalescent center near Stratford-on-Avon, and one of her pleasant duties was to take GIs to the plays at the Shake-

speare Memorial Theatre.

She spent four months in London, and was there when the buzz bombs were getting in their deadly work. The first time she saw the colorful ceremony of the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, and watched the band prepare to play, she says she expected to hear some stirring martial music. To her surprise they played the familiar tune "Who?" from the musical show "Sunny."

May's last assignment in England was a club director at Southport, on the Irish Sea. Leaves to the Continent were not permitted during wartime, so she didn't visit any other European countries, but she did get to know England very well while overseas, both on the ground and in the air.

She came home in January 1946, and after a month's leave went to Dibble General Hospital, where she remained until the hospital closed the following June. Then she was assigned to Letterman.

May's favorite leisure time diversion is horseback riding, and she has spent many week ends enjoying it at a dude ranch in the Santa Clara valley. She likes skiing, badminton, and long walks, and also enjoys the theatre and the symphony.

Now that she has been to China and to Europe, she is hoping for a trip that will take her to South America.

Highlights

St. Louis (AFPS)—"Mr. Silver," a male Maltese cat, took first prize in two classes at the Central States Solid Color Club cat show. He belongs to Mrs. Marcella Duffy, hotel hostess at the Hamilton Hotel, where the show was held. Mrs. Duffy is quite proud of her cat, although she doesn't know his ancestry. Two days before the show she didn't even know he existed. Then the cat strolled into the hotel out of the cold. Mrs. Duffy adopted and named him, and the stray kitten just as leisurely walked away with the prizes. Some alley cat.

Providence, R. I. (AFPS)—He didn't merely shake it. When the customer at the bus terminal didn't get anything for the nickel he had deposited in the automatic stamp machine, he picked up the whole machine and walked off with it before the amazed ticket agent, Harold Waterman, could stop him.

Austin, Tex. (AFPS)—There has been one exhibit at the anthropological museum at the University of Texas which has been on every visitor's "must" list. Yet when the curators of the museum offered to sell the exhibit for a paltry \$300, everyone shied away. The exhibit? Oh, it's just an old shrunken head that once sat proudly on the shoulders of some Ecuadorian Indian.

Atlanta, Ga. (AFPS)—Roy C. Tippin would appear to be the least logical person. But some people have no sense of justice. Mr. Tippin is executive secretary of the Homes Builders Association of Atlanta. The firm builds almost all the city's homes. Mr. Tippin has just been evicted from his own.

Hillsboro, O. (AFPS)—Police Chief Lawrence Davidson got the most coins he had ever received for any one fine from Riichard M. Morris of Xenia, O. Morris was fined \$100 for driving while intoxicated. He gave Chief Davidson a cigar box in part payment. In the box there was 80 dollars—in the form of 1,600 nickels. And the Chief had to count them.

Lansing, Mich. (AFPS)—An irate housewife wasn't glad the circus was in town. And she was in just the mood to do something about it. She telephoned the circus headquarters and not too politely informed them that she was going to take harsh measures with their elephant if they didn't come and get it out of her tulip bed.

Buffalo, N. Y. (AFPS)—The judge says "no can do." Landlady Anna Kaitz appealed to the City Court to evict a tenant of her's because his snoring sounded like "a locomotive pulling freight cars up a grade." She was refused.

MEDICAL DETACH

According to M/Sgt. Henry Smith, the NCO in charge of Letterman's Rudy Shellhorn should be back in the news again. Rudy, if you remember, was the "Henpecked Sergeant" of Wards K-1 and 3 of the December 27 issue (Reference: Sgt. Major Bergen). "Smitty" says Rudy does not know the difference between a straight flush and a full house (2nd Reference: Sergeant Huckabee of the Hospital Service Branch). We will give you three guesses as to who had the straight flush.

Something new has been added in Tech. Sergeant Herbert Newton's domicile (Hospital Inspector's office). It is blonde, blue-eyed and has stripes but is definitely not a zebra. Guess what!

It is rumored that M/Sgt. James Horton of Educational Reconditioning Branch and Sergeant George Adams of the I and E Office took somewhat of a drubbing on the Rose Bowl game. Cheer up, boys, it's only your money, not your life.

According to Pfc. Earl J. Martin of Ward S-1, Pfc. Jim B. Mayes of Ward S-1 and Pfc. William Hooker of Central Service "kinda" got mixed up about their girl friends on New Year's Eve. Gentlemen, you should be more careful about those things.

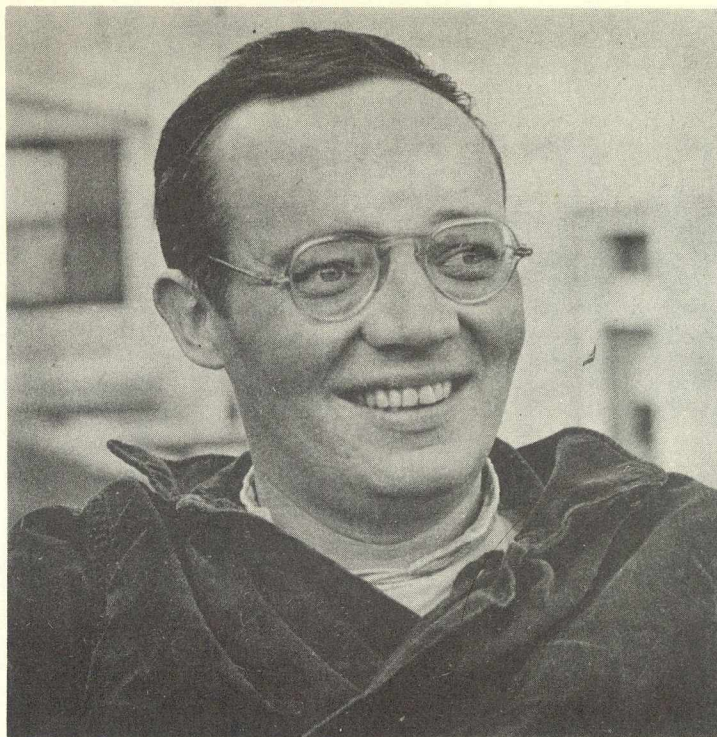
When this enterprising scribe walked into the Detachment Orderly Room in quest of news for this column he was rewarded with the following verbal gem from 1st Sgt. Orlin Oxenrider: "Snowed under, snowed under." Don't get excited, pal, remember your old age and high blood pressure.

Welcome to S/Sgt. Jack Hirsch who was transferred to Letterman from the 6th Army Presidio. According to the dope, Jack is to be assigned to Special Services.

Good luck to Corporal Neil Mould of Classification and Assignment, who was discharged from the Army this week.

M/Sgt. John D. Rapach of the Personnel Office is taking a twenty day furlough to visit his mother who is seriously ill. Sergeant Rapach's home is in Buckner, Illinois. Good luck, John.

HE'S AS WELL KNOWN AT THE MARK AND THE FAIRMONT AS AT LETTERMAN



Captain WILLIAM DONNELLY
The man San Francisco knows

He was wounded in action three times—the last time in Germany in March 1945. He has been in Army hospitals ever since that time, having returned to the states on June 6, 1945, the first anniversary of D-Day. He's been getting plenty of variety in the way

Although Captain William Donnelly gets around at present by means of a wheelchair, no one who knows him could say that this restricts his social activities. Some people live all their lives in San Francisco, and don't have as many friends here or know as many local celebrities. Though of course the most of his time is spent here at Letterman, he does manage to drop in fairly frequently at two of his favorite spots—the Mark Hopkins and the Fairmont.

Captain Donnelly was born in Detroit, Michigan, and has lived there and in Washington and Baltimore. He attended Georgetown University, and before he enlisted in the Army in September 1940, was a salesman and later a broker. He was at Fort Knox, Fort Leonard Wood and Camp Carson before going to OCS at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After he received his commission he went overseas, in February 1943, going first to Africa.

His branch of the service is the

armored artillery, and he took part in the invasion of Sicily, went to Normandy on D-Day, and later served in Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg of hospitals, having been a patient at Miles Standish, Schick, Percy Jones, Nautilus and Madigan as well as at Letterman. He loyally says that LGH is his favorite.

Last August, when he was well on the way to recovery, Captain Donnelly was in an automobile accident near Gilroy. He says he was careful not to injure the foot that had already been injured in combat, "but the other one took a beating."

Captain Donnelly's wartime decorations, which he wears only on state occasions (such as a reception at the St. Francis) includes the following: the Purple Heart with two clusters, the ETO ribbon with seven stars, the Arrowhead, unit citation, Croix de Guerre and the fourragere.

He says that when he finally recovers he will probably return to the brokerage business, and that he definitely wants to make his home in San Francisco.

Captain Donnelly, the pride of ward D-2, is not married, and says that at present he is between engagements—"haven't been engaged to anyone since a year ago August."

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The hospital train departed Tuesday afternoon for hospitals in the East. The patients stayed here so long this time that they became well acquainted with San Francisco, but when the day of departure came, they were happy to leave us and get closer to their homes. Crissy Annex is again depleted of personnel and we will all be looking forward to the day when they will return and help the remaining few get the wards in shape for the next ship.

Sgt. Major Howard Holmes left Friday for Alabama with a patient destined for a veterans' hospital there. On his return trip he will spend five days visiting New Mexico.

Major Rex Huey left us this week to spend 30 days in the Southland. His vacation has a serious intent, that of looking for a home and city in which to spend his remaining years after his retirement next fall. His choice spot at the moment is Redlands, California.

An amusing incident happened on train departure day when a WAC sergeant from the "Western Star" became so interested in getting pictures of the interior of a hospital car, that she forgot to get off when the train started. T/Sgt. Kane saw her plight and succeeded in getting the train stopped just as it was going out the gate.

Cpl. Chah has returned from a holiday leave, and as usual, reports that things are rough on the outside. Anybody got a dime to spare?

The wails you heard coming from the Transportation Office were not really as serious as you might think. It was just Cpl. Lacey beating his brains out because his trip was cancelled at the last minute. It seems he has some unfinished business in Chicago. Better luck next time, Bill.

Cpl. Mainer from Supply was seen running around with a little white piece of paper this week and that means only one thing—that long-awaited discharge is at hand. We understand that in civilian life as well as the Army, a man is rewarded for faithful and unfailing service, so he has nothing to worry about, and we all wish him a lot of luck.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

The year 1947 saw a number of important developments in the affairs of the nation's eighteen and a half million war veterans and their dependents.

The most important development was the establishment of a red-letter day on the calendar of every World War II veterans—July 25, 1947—which marked the end of World War II for determining eligibility for most veterans' benefits.

The July 25th date placed a limit on the time World War II veterans have to apply for education and training, G. I. loans and readjustment allowances.

In the legislative field Congress authorized:

1. Increased subsistence allowances for disabled veterans in training under Public Law 16 if they have a disability rating of 30 percent or more.

2. Extension of the deadline for purchase of autos for amputee-veterans until June, 1948.

3. Extension until September, 1948, the time in which veterans have to apply for unused furlough pay under the Armed Forces Leave Act. Applications may be obtained at any first or second class post office.

4. Conversion of terminal leave bonds into cash.

General Omar N. Bradley, who was responsible for rebuilding and expanding the VA in order to care for the 14 and one-half million veterans of World War II, will become Chief of Staff of the Army after more than two years as Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

General Bradley will be succeeded by General Carl R. Gray, Jr., railroad executive and veteran of both World Wars. General Gray was responsible for organization of the Military Railway Service during World War II and his units took part in the campaigns in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany.

Question: I would like to change the beneficiary on my National Service Life Insurance policy without letting the old beneficiary know about it. Can I do this?

Answer: Yes. A veteran may change the beneficiary or beneficiaries of his National Service Life Insurance at any time without their knowledge or consent.



None of Caren Marsh's first movies got her any recognition in Hollywood, because she starred in military films made by the Signal Corps and the identities of all players were kept secret. So, to let herself be known, Caren flew over the Hollywood studios and dropped leaflets showing her picture and saying she was available for work. She has been flying high ever since, with choice rolls in three films and more to come.

International Complications

Born in Turkey, Joins USA in Egypt, Citizen of P.I. Poses \$64? In D.C.

(AFPS)—Johnny Libed, 22, doesn't know just where he stands as a veteran of World War II and the VA in Washington is equally perplexed.

He saw service in the American Army, though he is not an American. He was born in Turkey, but is not a Turk. He is entitled to the benefits offered by the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, but can't get a visa to enter the U.S. He joined the U.S. Army in Egypt.

Johnny's mother is a Greek citizen living in Turkey. His father is a Filipino, living in Puerto Rico. Johnny, thus, is a citizen of the Philippines, though he has never seen those Islands, nor can he speak any Philippine dialect. He speaks English, French, Turkish and Greek.

Johnny's father, Eduardo Libed, retired from the U.S. Navy after 25 years of service. He came to Turkey with the American Fleet during World War I, and married Fofo Canis, a Greek refugee. Johnny was born of this marriage, and later his parents were divorced.

As a Philippine citizen, Johnny was a U.S. subject, so he was drafted. He was given an American passport for the trip to Cairo where he was inducted.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

The taking of pictures today is such a simple process that few people realize the many years of research and study that went into the perfection of the camera and the film.

Portraiture is perhaps the most familiar use of photography today. Almost everyone at one time or another had his picture taken. Then too, there is advertising and newspaper photography. Aerial, clinical, criminal, and motion picture photography are all fields that have developed in recent years. The use of microfilms has increased rapidly in the last five years with libraries, business and the government using it in many cases to save space.

Usually a person becomes a photographer by attending a 1-3-year school of photography or through training on the job. Employers often hire inexperienced men as trainees and teach them the various parts of the job. It takes from 2-4 years to learn the job this way. In some states, a person may learn photography by serving a three year apprenticeship.

The program of training for photography includes camera technique, mixing chemical solutions, developing negatives, printing and finishing pictures, retouching, and coloring. Classes in related technical knowledge generally cover lighting, background arrangement, photochemistry, and photographic optics.

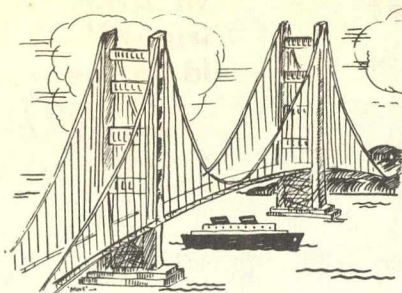
The United States Armed Forces Institute offers to servicemen courses both on correspondence and self teaching levels that will help to prepare him as a photographer. They are Elementary Photography and Physical Science. In addition there are courses available in establishing and operating a small business. This may be coupled with a course in Fundamentals of Selling. For further information regarding this or other job fields, come to or call the Educational Reconditioning Office, Building 1039, extension 4403.

1st GI: "Give me a match?"

2nd GI: "Here it is."

1st GI: "Well, can you beat that? I've forgotten my cigarettes."

2nd GI: "Too bad, give me back my match."



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Medical Officers Arrive Here for Residency Training

Increased activity at Letterman in the residency training program for medical officers is reflected in the arrival of twenty-one Medical Corps officers here since the first of the year. These officers are assigned to LGH for a one-year program of post graduate work in the various special fields of medicine and surgery.

The officers who began their one-year term as residents here this month are: Lieut. Col. Frank J. Shaffer, MC, assistant resident in Otolaryngology; Lieut. Col. Carroll S. Svare, MC, resident in Internal Medicine; Lieut. Aloysius T. Waskowicz, MC, assistant resident in Urology.

Major Robert B. Dickerson, MC, senior resident in Internal Medicine; Major Herbert W. Coone, MC, resident in Internal Medicine; Major Nelson S. Irely, MC, senior resident in Pathology; Major Walter N. Jensen, MC, resident in Orthopedic Surgery; Major George L. Sheetz, MC, assistant resident in Otorhinolaryngology; Major William B. Lewis, Jr., MC, assistant resident in Orthopedic Surgery; Major Henry M. Johnson, MC, assistant resident in Orthopedic Surgery; Major Lewis A. Smith, MC, resident in Radiology.

Captain Theodore L. Bartelmez, MC, assistant resident in Internal Medicine; Captain Ralph N. Kraus, resident in Otorhinolaryngology; Captain John J. McLoone, MC, assistant resident in Otorhinolaryngology; Captain Douglas E. Ramsey, MC, resident in Orthopedic Surgery; Captain Francis X. Weixel, assistant resident in Ophthalmology; Captain William E. Purvis, MC, assistant resident in Clinical Pathology.

First Lieut. Peter R. Brady, MC, assistant resident in Radiology; 1st



LIEUT. LOUISA LINDOW IS SWORN IN
As a second lieutenant in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps. L. to R.: Lieut. Lindow, Major Earle Paxson, Adjutant, Colonel Oral B. Bolibaugh, acting commanding officer.

FIRST O. T. COMMISSIONED AT LGH

This week Miss Louisa Lindow of the Occupational Therapy functional shop became the first registered Occupational Therapist at Letterman to receive her commission in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps. She received the insignia of her rank from Colonel Oral B. Bolibaugh, acting commanding officer in the absence of Colonel Winn, and was sworn in by Major Earle Paxson, adjutant. Her second lieutenant's bars were presented to her

by her fellow workers in O. T.

Lieut. Lindow is particularly pleased to be getting into uniform, since she comes from a strictly "Army" family. Her father is Colonel George Lindow of Sixth Army, her mother was in the Army Nurse Corps, and was the youngest Chief Nurse to go overseas in World War I, and her two brothers were in the Army during the war. She has been in O. T. work since 1945, and came to Letterman last August.

March of Dimes Drive at LGH Began This Week

"Give the polio victim an even break with the world" is the slogan of Letterman's March of Dimes drive this year. The drive began this week, on 15 January, and will continue until the end of the month. Financial goal of the LGH drive is \$600.

A special March of Dimes display has been set up on the ramp near the Main PX, in which a figure representing a polio victim is shown at the bottom of the long road back to health. As the weight of the contributions mounts, the figure will progress to the top of the road. Credit for the idea for this ingenious reminder of the plight of the person afflicted with infantile paralysis goes to Corporal Jack Cratty of the Educational Reconditioning office, according to First Lieut. Oliver Rajala, of Convalescent Services, who is in charge of the Letterman drive.

The money obtained from these annual March of Dimes fund campaigns goes to finance the activities of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Fifty per cent of the money raised goes directly to chapters in the states from which it comes, to provide the aid required by polio victims regardless of age, race, creed or color. Assistance includes payment for hospitalization, medical, nursing and physical therapy service, orthopedic appliances and transportation to and from hospitals and clinics. The nation's 3,070 counties are served by this portion of the fund.

The other fifty per cent is retained by the Foundation, and is used for research, epidemic aid and education. New methods of treatment are evaluated and immediately made available.

Letterman's Name Honors the Memory of a Great Surgeon

The name given to this hospital in 1911, when it was first designated as Letterman, honors the memory of Surgeon Jonathan Letterman, who is known as "the man who revolutionized the system of care of the wounded upon the battlefield." Many of those who daily pass the picture of Surgeon Letterman which hangs in the Administration Building know little of the life and accomplishments of the man it portrays.

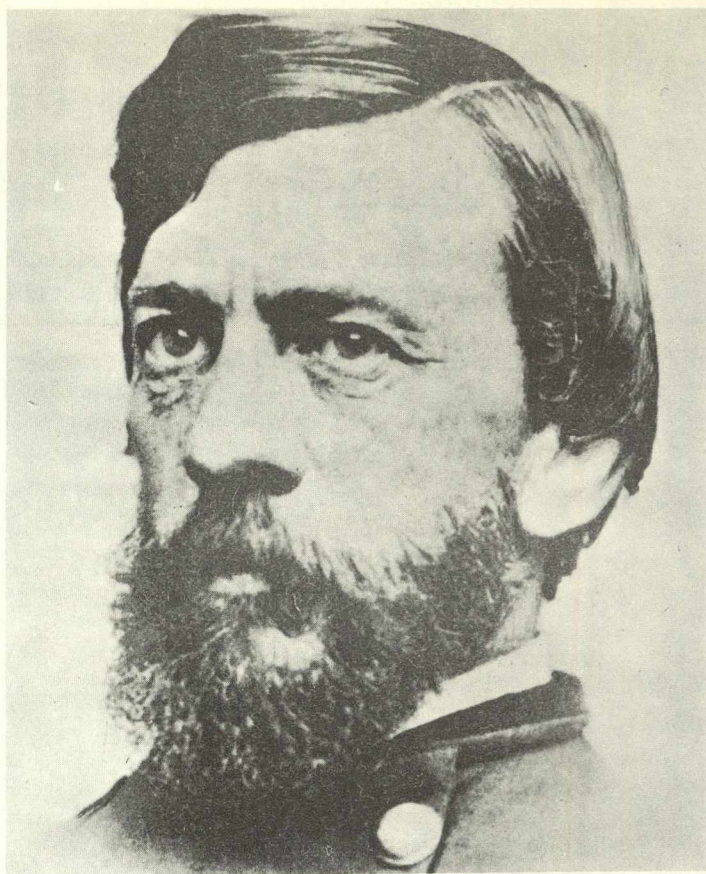
It is particularly fitting that a San Francisco hospital has his name, since he practiced medicine here after leaving the Army, and was also coroner of the city and county of San Francisco.

The biographical material which follows was taken from an article entitled "The Life of Jonathan Letterman," written by Colonel James M. Phalen, U. S. Army, retired.

Jonathan Letterman (December 11, 1824-March 15, 1872), notable as the organizer of the field medical service of the Union Army in the Civil War, was born at Canonsburg, Washington County, Pennsylvania. His father, Jonathan Letterman, was an able surgeon and one of the leading practitioners of medicine in western Pennsylvania. His mother was the daughter of Craig Ritchie, a prominent citizen of Canonsburg.

With a view to a medical career his early education was by a private tutor, followed by a course at Jefferson College in his native town, from which he was graduated in 1845. He received his medical education at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, which gave him the degree of M. D. in 1849.

Immediately following his graduation he took the examination for entrance to the army medical service before a board in New York and was commissioned as an assistant surgeon on June 29, 1849. Sent first to Fort Monroe, Virginia, and thence to Florida, the following three years were spent largely in campaigning against the Seminole Indians. One year at Fort Ripley, Minnesota, and he was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to march with troops to Fort Defiance, New Mexico, where he arrived in September, 1854. He took station at Fort Union, from whence, following minor operations against the Navajos, he served in the field from April to August, 1857, in a campaign



JONATHAN LETTERMAN
December 11, 1824—March 15, 1872

under Colonel William W. Loring against the Gila Apaches.

In September, 1858, he returned to Fort Monroe, where he spent six months, followed by a year in the office of the chief medical purveyor, Colonel Richard S. Satterlee, in New York. In December, 1859 he was sent to California for service in an expedition against the Ute Indians. His first ten years of service had thus furnished him an abundant experience in Indian campaigning.

The ingenuity and the improvisations necessary in the treatment, care, and transportation of the wounded under the difficult conditions incident to such warfare, was an excellent training for the larger problems that were to confront him later.

The outbreak of the Civil War found him still in California. In November, 1861, he accompanied a shipment of troops from San Francisco to New York City, and in January, 1862, he was assigned to duty as medical director of the Department of West Virginia. In this de-

partment Surgeon William A. Hammond was inspector of camps and hospitals.

Hammond was made surgeon general on April 25, 1862. He brought Letterman to Washington in May and on July 19 assigned him to the position of medical director of the Army of the Potomac, to succeed Surgeon Charles S. Tripler, who at his own request was given the post of chief surgeon of the Department of the Lakes at Detroit.

Letterman had been promoted to the grade of surgeon on April 16, 1862. He reported to General McClellan, then engaged on the Peninsular campaign, at White House, Virginia, on July 4. The army was at Harrison's Landing on the James River, recuperating from an exhausting campaign. The nature of the military operations had placed heavy stress upon the medical service, which had not been uniformly satisfactory. Along with a general great loss of material much medical supplies and tentage had been abandoned or destroyed. The medical of-

ficers, insufficient in number, were broken down by fatigue.

The letter of Surgeon General Hammond accompanying Letterman's assignment cites the qualities which had made him already an outstanding figure in the corps, gave him some general instructions, along with some unusual authority, assured him of unfailing support and committed to him the care of the thousands who made up the Army of the Potomac.

Letterman saw as an urgent necessity the removal from the vicinity of the army of the multitude of sick, wounded, and broken-down men who were burdening its services and who were greatly limiting its mobility. Other urgent measures were the enforcement of sanitary regulations and the building up of medical supplies. The results of his early efforts are thus referred to in a report of General McClellan:

"All the remarkable energy and ability of Surgeon Letterman were required to restore the efficiency of his department; but before we left Harrison's Landing he had succeeded in fitting it out thoroughly with the supplies it required, and the health of the Army was vastly improved by the sanitary measures which were enforced at his suggestion."

The confusion in the use of ambulances and the frequent employment of the too few vehicles of this class for purposes in no way connected with the disabled, attracted Letterman's immediate attention. Within less than a month after joining the Army of the Potomac he had drawn up and submitted a plan for an Ambulance Corps which was at once approved by General McClellan and published in General Orders dated August 2, 1862.

The entire control of the ambulances assigned to an army corps was given to the medical director on the staff of the corps commander. It was further provided that a section of the Ambulance Corps should be assigned to each Division, the men to be taken from the regiment which composed it. The provisions of the order which established the Ambulance Corps were embodied in an Act of Congress approved in March, 1864. The draft of the bill was submitted by the Senate military committee to Letterman for his approval. This act made for a uniform system for all the armies in the field.

The new ambulance service had
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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



THE EASTMAN TRIO
Entertainers from San Francisco's Stork Club found an appreciative audience on Letterman wards this week.



THIRTEEN IS NO JINX
to Lieut. Betty Hearne of Physical Therapy, who plays on the LGH Girls' Basketball Team. She made the basket anyway.



GOOD LUCK FOR THE NEW YEAR
The Red Cross sponsored the lucky pig on the LGH wards. Patients petted the pig and took a straw from the chimneysweep's broom for luck throughout the year. L to R: Miss Anita Seibel, ARC; Sgt. Loys Grove, Pfc. Bruce Lanning.



THE GYM GLEAMS
The sun dances on the glittering newly-refinished floor of the Letterman gym. This is how it looked just before the Sixth Army badminton and table tennis tournaments began this week.

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EDITORIAL

HUMAN RELATIONS

The first month of the New Year is a time of personal stock-taking. However many times your efforts and resolutions have gone glimmering in the past, you like to think that this time will be different. The idea of a fresh start appeals to everyone.

Naturally one of the major things in everyone's life is his job. You want to perform it efficiently; to get the best results from your daily efforts. But sometimes in the pursuit of efficiency, you lose sight of one of its ingredients. It's an elusive ingredient, one that you sometimes forget completely.

The ingredient is human relations. Everyone's job involves dealing with other people, and getting along well with those people is an important part of efficiency. It's not a waste of time, as some seem to think. Because those other people are just like you; they're not perfect either. They have failings, moods, difficulties that aren't always apparent.

It all comes down to that old story—putting yourself in the other person's place. Asking yourself how you would like to be treated thus and so. Look around you. The people who are happy in their daily lives are the ones who do have this sort of consideration for others, whether family, friends or business associates. Don't have one personality for home and

WAC

Spectators at the musical show "The Corn Is Ripe" put on at the "Y" this week had a chance to see three members of the Letterman WAC detachment do their stuff on the stage. T/4 Sally Craig models "The New Look" bathing suit, and dances in the Sultan's harem skit. T/3 Aletha Birchfield stars in an oldtime movie scene and in the "Wolf Movietone News." T/4 Frances Black makes a hit with her singing. The show, which is a Sixth Army production, was also given at Fort Baker this week, will be shown at Forts Scott, Mason and Stone-man, and may be repeated at the "Y."

We always knew that S/Sgt. Vi Hocking had a magnetic twinkle in her eye. Proof—her presence on the NCO Club board.

Welcome back to T/4 Rose Ruscak, who after her long hospitalization and subsequent leave is on duty again—this time in the Information Office.

T/4 Sue Burnett is back on duty in Physical Therapy after her holiday leave. She spent it in the East, right in the midst of those much-publicized snow storms, and says it was fun.

T/5 Wanda Collins left this week on a 14-day furlough which she will spend in Balboa, California.

It's Goodbye to the Army and hello to civilian life for T/4 Vera Barneke, who received her discharge this week and went home to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The detachment boasts 14 new members, with the arrival of 14 WACs who were welcomed to Letterman this week from Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan. The new girls are: S/Sgt. Bessie L. Bledsoe, S/Sgt. Edna V. Carrick, S/Sgt. Elsie C. Paulson, T/4 Ella M. Dodson, Sgt. Dorothy L. Guy, Sgt. Adrienne V. Hoyes, T/4 Dorothy Koogan, T/4 Jean G. Norenberg, T/4 Pauline P. Smith, Pfc. Mary C. Davis, T/Sgt. Myrtle M. Gragg, S/Sgt. Corinne Cooper, T/4 Dorothy E. Dreger and Pfc. Grace Burke. Looks like California put on a special Spring show just for them, for an extra contrast to the rigors of a mid-western Winter.

another for business. It's much simpler to have just one.

It pays off, too. You'll find you like yourself better if your human relationships are in good working order.



Major Mary Steppan, former chief nurse of the Hospital Train Section, is coming back to Letterman next month. She is now enjoying a 45-day leave, and this week dropped in to see her Letterman friends. They all remarked on her smart bright-red dress and told her how well it suited her.

Lieut. Leath Shaffer of Physical Therapy is at her home in Bellingham, Wash., on a two-week leave, taking care of personal business. She made the trip north in an Army plane from Hamilton Field.

Lieut. Jean Hawkins of the dietitians staff returned from a 15-day holiday leave at her home in Grand Forks, North Dakota, to report temperatures to which she refers as "only 22 below!" She says she wore the same amount of clothes she wears here, and didn't mind the cold a bit.

Three members of the ANC were assigned here this week on temporary duty from the Port, while the ship to which they were assigned undergoes repairs. They are First Lieuts. Louise McLeod, Evelyn Daus and Rose Varhalla.

Lieut. Julia Skellchock of the dietitians staff left this week to attend the two-week course in mess administration at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Uniform

The following extract from Sixth Army Daily Bulletin is published for the information of all concerned:

Wearing of uniform at the YMCA: The fatigue uniform and the white uniform for cooks, bakers, and hospital attendants are not authorized for wear at the YMCA, Bldg. 69, at any time. During duty hours the Class "B" uniform may be worn, however, after retreat only the Class "A" uniform will be admissible. Letterman Hospital patients may wear hospital clothes at the YMCA without restriction. Fatigue clothes and the white cooks uniform will be worn only by personnel who work within the YMCA building when their duty so requires.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Week of 18 January, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Our Mail Bag

Editor, The Fog Horn:

1. Attention is invited to your scandal sheet, The Fog Horn, dated 10 January 1948.

2. Recommend that the individual who writes the column nominally entitled WAC, familiarize (him) (her) self with the rudiments of English, or was the statement that "Lt. Kimpton was back to duty after being hospitalize for so long" written in an idiomatic sense to make it better reading for the WACs?

3. Even more interesting was the way the article entitled "HE'S WELL KNOWN AT THE MARK AND THE FAIRMONT AS AT LETTERMAN" started out, "bourg and Germany!!!" What does that mean, precisely, is it an old party yell of the Nazi's? Or maybe you were just trying to create atmosphere by rushing right into the body of the story with no prelude.

4. And then there is that egregious little column known as Medical Detach. It is quite true, the snow fall in the Orderly Room mounts to windows on certain days of the week, but this is due to the drop in temperature caused by the frigid blasts we receive from C & A and I & E.

5. In closing let me say that we immortals of the orderly room will continue our policy of knocking ourselves out for every individual EM of this command.

JOSEPH F. POLAND, JR.

T/5, RA 19 260 257

The slave of duty

Editor's Note: To Faithful Reader T/5 Joseph F. Poland, Jr., who apparently never misses a word of the Fog Horn except when the word isn't there, our apologies for confusing him last week with more typographical errors than he could take.

ON THE SPOT



STUART D. LOOMIS
Technician Fourth Grade

In forty days the military career of Sergeant Stuart Loomis will be a closed chapter. It will mark the end of an eleven month tour of duty at Letterman General Hospital.

"Stu," as he is known to his friends, entered the Army in September 1946. He was promptly sent to Fort Bliss, Texas for Anti-Aircraft Artillery basic training. Following this he was transferred to Headquarters Battery as a clinical psychologist at the Consultation Center. In December of 1946, he was assigned to Fort Ord, California, in the same capacity. Since he has been at LGH he has been Assistant to the Chief Clinical Psychologist.

He is a native of Omaha, Nebraska. His first contact with the military was as a private in the Omaha Cadet Grays. He rose to the rank of captain in the first ROTC Regiment of that city. He majored in Psychology at the University of Omaha. He was graduated in 1941 and went directly to Omaha Technical High School as a consulting psychologist. Immediately following Pearl Harbor, Sergeant Loomis joined V-4, but was medically disqualified soon afterward.

He returned to Omaha Technical High School and continued his former work, performing in addition the duties of Dean of freshman boys. It was at this time that Chicago's Morgan Park Military Academy beckoned. Stu went there to teach history and government. Later Kemper Military School added Sergeant Loomis to their faculty. He taught English and served as barracks officer.

When 1945 rolled around Loomis went to the University of New Hampshire as an instructor Psychology and director of the Psychology clinic. Before he entered the Army

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Anyone arguing in ward 27 takes a second look at **Al Christ** before he takes sides. Al is a former star wrestler!

Another fellow in ward 27 attracts a good deal of attention with his fine leather work. He is **Dick Hermen**. If you are in the market for a good wallet, see Dick.

Ernie Copeland of ward 42 was introduced to a foamy bubble bath recently, furnished and fixed by his "buddies." No report on how he liked the experience.

Le Roy Hessler of ward 30 got himself engaged while he was home for the holidays. He will really have to squirm to keep from being hauled in.

The First Sergeant of the detachment, **Orlin Oxenreider**, is a patient on ward F-2.

Horace Whittaker of ward 28 is very much "overboard" for Birmingham, Alabama, and doesn't mind expressing his feelings to one and all. Horace says that he likes Letterman very much but would move any place east of San Francisco just to be nearer Birmingham.

Ward 26 was entertained this week by the Red Cross. A homecoming party was given for all those returning from Christmas furloughs.

John Ford of ward 42 came in the other evening and couldn't find his bed. Finally he was guided home and the other fellows in the ward are thinking about putting neon lights around Johnnie's bunk.

Americo Salvetti, ward C-2, has a perfect right to boast of his prowess as a hunter. He had promised to return from his hunting trip and bring with him some ducks. When he returned this week he promptly paid off to the ward secretary and his friends.

John Elmore on ward C-2 tied the nuptial knot during his recent

he received his Master's Degree at the University of Chicago.

In his free time Sergeant Loomis likes to listen to classical music. He also plays the clarinet and the viola. One of his favorite pastimes is studying people, their behavior and their reactions. Since coming here to live he has caught the "California fever," and hopes to make his home here. He would like to teach in the Bay Area.

furlough. Congratulations, rice, old shoes, and stuff like that there.

Ward B-2's **Frank Cornell** was justly proclaimed ping pong champion of the Bay Area. This week he is to compete for the Sixth Army Championship.

Word has reached us that **Anthony Cecelio** on ward B-2 has been feeling the urge to re-enlist. For his information, **Captain Lilley** in the Detachment of Patients Office is the Recruiting Officer.

Bruce Olsen of ward F-2 is back at the hospital after visiting Los Angeles during the Christmas season. Bruce renewed old acquaintances and received plenty of publicity from the L. A. papers. You see it was his first Christmas at home in three years.

James Buckner of ward F-1 is taking guitar lessons. Understand that he is out to serenade the girls . . . attaboy, Jim.

Thirteen year old **Craig Le Mire** has been adopted by the boys in his ward, F-2. Craig was injured when a gas tank exploded and now he is a "mascot de luxe."

Royce Love of ward F-2 is reported to be working at the O.T. shop enlarging a picture of his girl. Serious business, eh Roy? The enlargement, that is.

John Stevens of ward E-2 rebroke his arm while on Christmas leave. This was really an unnecessary present.

Ernest Rangel has become the official correspondent on Ward E-1. Get the goods on them, Ernie.

Harry Rippy of ward C-1 had two very fair visitors recently who flew from Kansas City to see him. They were the Misses Elsie Wells and Rosemary Chaney; his girl friend and sister.

Henry Vandergriff is considered the Daniel Boone of Ward N-2. Henry says he really mowed the squirrels down while he was in West Virginia on furlough.

The Town Crier is calling WACS one and all to administer TLC (tender loving care) to two bed patients on ward D-2. These boys are lonesome and bored. They are Lieuts. Joe Case and Chuck Gibson. The boys say they would be more than pleased to receive just a note if none of the beautiful gals can put in a personal appearance.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ROSE K. CASILIO
Corporal

Corporal Rose Casilio is a re-enlistee in the WAC, and she came back to the Corps because she found she missed the Army and the companionship and fun of "life in the barracks." Now that she is again in the WAC, she has decided that she would like to stay in if the bill is passed continuing the Corps as a part of the Regular Army.

Rose was born in Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, and after finishing high school she went to beauty college. She worked as a beautician for several months, then enlisted in the WAC for the first time in September 1943. She had basic training at Daytona Beach, Florida, and though she liked Florida well enough, "California is much better," she says. Her first assignment was in the WAC headquarters office at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, where she remained for nearly two years. Then she came to Letterman, and was here four months. She received her discharge in February 1946.

She put her time in civilian life to good use getting her teacher's license as a beautician and attending a hair styling course at a Chicago beauty college.

Then came the desire to be back in the Army, and last November she re-enlisted, and asked for a California station. She was delighted to come back to Letterman, and likes her present assignment on ward P-1 very much.

She would like overseas duty, with preference for Hawaii. For diversion she enjoys listening to music, swimming, reading—particularly mysteries — and basketball. She would like to play on the LGH girls' basketball team, but since she is now on night duty, that can't be arranged at present.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Beverly Lillie of Ward S-1 announced her engagement New Year's Eve. The prospective groom is T/5 Arthur Kerro, who is stationed at Letterman.

At a recent gathering in her home Helen Lund of Civilian Payroll Section made recordings of the voices of the workers in Civilian Personnel on her new wire recording machine, and then played them back, much to the amusement of her guests. Mary Ivory sang the popular song, "Near You" while Joan Gottschalk made a "laughing" record.

Gilbert Grady has transferred from Officers Personnel to Finance office, and Virginia Smith, recently returned from a trip to Hawaii, will resume her duties this week in Officers Personnel. A new addition to Military Personnel is Betty Haggins.

Josephine Giaccarini of the Laundry is resigning and will make her home in New Orleans, Louisiana. The best wishes of all her friends go with her.

Mary Perry of the Laundry has the auditors visiting her and she says she is very happy that they are here—claims their visits are educational.

Add to the sick list: Anita Victory of the Laundry, who is a patient here at Letterman, and Zita Kelly of the Insurance Office.

We extend a welcome to Beryl Epps who is on duty in the Pathology office.

Happy birthday to Helen "Sugar" Day of the Laboratory Section who will celebrate her birthday on 19 January.

Helen Smith, formerly of the Detachment of Patients office, paid a visit to friends at Letterman last week wearing her Christmas gift from her husband—a beautiful fur coat.

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Did you know: There was one accidental death every 5 minutes in 1946? John Davis was the champion heavyweight weight lifter of the world in 1947? That the Art Institute of Chicago had the greatest 19th and 20th century collection of French paintings in the world? That the forests of America include over 800 different kinds of trees? So what? So, the Information Please, Almanac for 1948 is now available in the Library.

SHE KNOWS THE ARMY AS A CIVILIAN AND AS A MEMBER OF THE ANC



Miss ROSE J. DULL, R. N.
Please pronounce Dull to rhyme with "full"

It's as well that the surname of Miss Rose Dull is not pronounced the way it looks (you should say it to rhyme with "full") because "dull" as it's usually said wouldn't suit her at all. Her interest in people and in living is keen, and her quick mind is as prepossessing as her appearance (for which see picture above.)

At present Rose is a civilian nurse here at Letterman, but she is hoping to receive her Regular Army appointment, for which she applied last September, so that she will again be a member of the Army Nurse Corps as she was during the war. She was a first lieutenant at the time of her discharge.

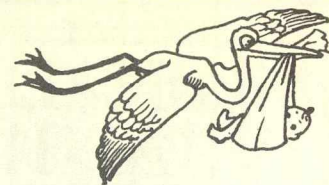
She was born in Martin's Ferry, Ohio, and attended the Martin's Ferry Hospital School of Nursing. She did nursing in her home town and in Dayton, Ohio, before joining the Army in November 1942. She enlisted at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and was at the station hospital there for two months. She was then sent to Hammond General Hospital in Modesto, California, for training as an anesthetist, and remained there, assigned to surgery for more than two years.

In July 1945 she went to Fort

Ord, where she was in surgery at the station hospital until the following January, when she received her discharge. She returned home to Ohio and did private nursing for a time, but wanted to return to California. She was in a doctor's office in Modesto for a short time, then last August came to Letterman, where she is now in Central Service.

She regrets very much that she didn't get overseas during the war, and hopes that if her Regular Army appointment comes through, she will sometime in the future get an overseas assignment, preferably in the ETO.

Rose has a number of things she likes to do in her free time, among them tennis and bowling, and she enjoys bowling on the new Letterman alleys here on the post. She also likes horseback riding, reading, sewing, and knitting. At present she is taking a course in Philosophy at the University of California Extension Division, and most of her reading just now is the required reading for that course. The class sessions, which she says she finds most interesting and very stimulating, take three hours two nights a week.



To Major and Mrs. Edgar C. Wall, a boy, **David Clinton**, born 9 December.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Helmut Karl Schmid, Sr., a boy, **Helmut Karl, Jr.**, born 30 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Franklin Clegg, Sr., a boy, **Thomas Franklin, Jr.**, born 30 December.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Edward J. Green, a girl, **Kathleen Ann**, born 31 December.

To Captain and Mrs. Karl Stillwater, twins, a girl, **Linda Ilene**, and a boy, **Lawrence Steven**, born 31 December.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Darrell Ward Bulis, a boy, **Robert Ward**, born 31 December.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown Porter, Jr., a boy, **Kenneth Brown, Jr.**, born 2 January.

To Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. William Grant Nelle, Sr., a boy, **William Grant, Jr.**, born 2 January.

To T/3 and Mrs. Earlton D. Griffin, a girl, **Marie Ann**, born 3 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Vergel H. Bates, a boy, **Christopher Kent**, born 5 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Rodney S. Wheeler, a boy, **Christopher Stilwell**, born 5 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Louis D. Waters, Sr., a boy, **Louis Donald, Jr.**, born 6 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Mort B. Brigadier, a boy, **John David**, born 7 January.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Murland E. Loes, a girl, **Nancy Ann**, born 7 January.

To Pfc. and Mrs. John N. DeVore, a boy, **Thomas James**, born 7 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Walter Allen Guild, Jr., a boy, **Walter Allen, III**, born 8 January.

MORE ABOUT MEDICAL OFFICERS ARRIVE

(Continued from Page 1)

Lieut. John W. Burkett, MC, assistant resident in Psychiatry; 1st Lieut. Thomas B. Hauschild, MC, assistant resident in Psychiatry; 1st Lieut. Samuel P. Wise, MC, assistant resident in Internal Medicine.

MEDICAL DETACH

If you see blue smoke and hear lion-like roars coming from the Detachment Supply room, that is the Supply M/Sgts. sorting out "excess" that has been turned in by men being discharged. You boys know how you are when you lose your temper.

M/Sgt. Percy Carnes of the Detachment of Patients office finally yielded to the old leap year urge. On 1 January he married Miss Iva Finch of Dallas, Texas, after a lengthy courtship.

When T/5 John R. Mahon of Classification and Assignment accompanied Corporal Bruce Olsen, patient on ward F-1, to his home in Los Angeles over the Christmas holidays he did not know that he was going to be shot by Cupid. During the holidays he became engaged to Bruce's sister.

Corporal Jack Cratty of Educational Reconditioning Branch shot a 1 under par 26 at the Presidio "Pitch and Putt" Course the other day. His companion, T/4 Earl Brewer of Classification and Assignment, shot a sensational 37. Jack says that from now on, Earl will act only in the role of caddy.

First Sgt. Peter P. Lee of the Receiving Office must think that he is twins. At least he thinks that he is going to collect a bonus from two different States.

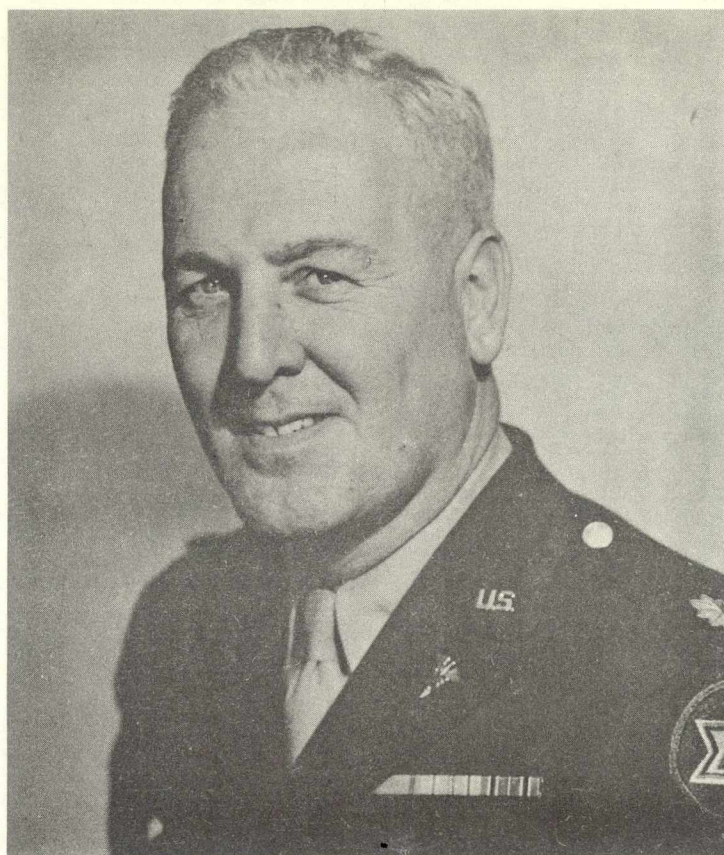
M/Sgt. George Barte of Educational Reconditioning Branch is now known as "One-vote Barte." His pal M/Sgt. James Horton has assured him that he would have had two votes if he (Horton) had not been tied up with other duties.

According to T/5 Dave McGee of the Detachment Orderly Room he is going to join the "Pappy" Club soon. Better put in your application now, Dave.

Patrick Sullivan, who was formerly in the Chaplain's office, is hearing wedding bells in the offing. Ex-Staff Sergeant Sullivan will marry Miss Margaret Casey at St. Peter's Church in San Francisco on 31 January.

Welcome to Pfc. James E. Talley, who came from the Army Finance School at St. Louis, Missouri, and to Pfc. Roger V. Poilet, who came from Fort Ord.

NEW MEDICAL SUPPLY ASSISTANT HAS COMPLETED 25 YEARS IN THE ARMY



Major JOSEPH M. BURKE, MSC
Assistant Director, Medical Supply Division

Major Joseph M. Burke, MSC, who has been an Army man ever since he left school, completed 25 years in the service in December. The event was marked by his arrival at Letterman last month, and Major Burke says he was very happy about his assignment here. He is assistant director of Medical Supply Division. His pleasure at coming was further enhanced by finding a number of officers here whom he had known at former stations, among them Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, Colonel Kenneth F. Ernst and Lieut. Colonel William L. Beswick.

The Major's assignments during his time in the Army have ranged from the East Coast to the West Coast and to the Hawaiian Islands. He received his commission in 1940, and was at Schofield Barracks when the Pearl Harbor attack came. He did not return to the States until December 1944. At that time he was assigned to DeWitt General Hospital in Auburn, California, as Medical Supply officer, and he remained

there until the hospital closed in June 1946.

Medical Supply assignments at Fort Rosecrans, San Diego and Fort Huachuca, Arizona, followed. Major Burke was at both these stations until they closed, the former in February 1947; the latter in July 1947. He then went to Fort Worden, Washington, as Medical Supply officer, and was there until he came to Letterman last month. With all its problems, Medical Supply has no problems for him—he's had so much experience in dealing with them.

Major Burke's wife, Olive, and their two children are with him here in San Francisco. They have a daughter, Ann, who is nine, and a son, William, who is eight.

Baseball (as a spectator) and golf (as a participant) are the Major's two favorite leisure time diversions. When asked about his plans for the future, since possible retirement is not too far distant, Major Burke says he's "going to work, of course. I certainly wouldn't want to be idle!"

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

We haven't seen any robins around, but we have a feeling Spring is just around the corner anyway. A good indication is First Sergeant Garland and his crew out watering and working the lawns and flowers.

The Hospital Train Section welcomes with gusto two new additions—Staff Sergeant Edna V. Garrick, who goes to the Evacuation Section, from Percy Jones General Hospital, and T/4 Jean Norenberg, who goes to the Maintenance Section. Small wonder there were so many clean faces and shined shoes Monday morning. That little bird was really on the job.

Master Sergeant Lindquist took a seven day furlough to visit his brother in Stockton, but his car broke down and he spent six of the seven days putting it together again. When they build better cars, the Sergeant says he will have one.

If any of you fellows aren't enjoying the assignment here in the Presidio, you should talk to the boys coming back from the Eastern trips. Seems there's nothing back there now but snow and ice.

Although you might not even guess it, T/Sgt. Cook is one of the most versatile men in the outfit. In addition to his other duties he has taken over the duties of emcee at the Fort Scott NCO Club.

They say a word to the wise is sufficient, so if any of you Non-Coms from the Hospital Train Section want in on a good thing, see Sergeant Washburn and join up for the Letterman NCO Club, and have fun right in your own back yard.

The constant frown on Major Bal-estra's face these days is caused from deep thinking. Subject of thought, "Who is the walking man?"

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It's an old California custom: To ride forth seeking romance; to gamble on anything; to seek short cuts to heaven; to search for gold; to throw dignity out of the window; to dress dramatically; to live out of doors; to speak in superlatives. But the best of them all is to love California, sez Mr. Lee Shippey in the newest of the American Customs Series, "It's An Old California Custom." In the Library.

MORE ABOUT LETTERMAN'S NAME

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its first trial in Antietam in mid-September and proved its worth. On the thirtieth of October, while the Army of the Potomac was still in Maryland after the Antietam battle, Letterman issued his epochal circular calling for the establishment of field hospitals and containing detailed instructions in regard to the care of the wounded. This circular, which completed his scheme for field service, governed without change until the Army of the Potomac was disbanded. He had already, under date of September 3, 1863, issued a supply table for the service of the army, with instructions for the method of their issue and transportation.

The battle of Fredericksburg on December 13, with its terrific toll of casualties, gave the first trial of Letterman's completed scheme of organization. It can be confidently stated that on no previous battlefield had the wounded ever been as efficiently cared for. A new epoch in field medical service had begun. The service given after the charge of the Sixth Corps on Marye's Heights as part of the Chancellorsville battle in the following May was of the same high order, but in the main engagement of that day strategic considerations militated against the most effective use of the medical services.

On March 25, 1863, the provisions of Letterman's circular regarding field hospitals were published to the entire service and their observance charged upon all medical officers.

Letterman was in charge at the three days of carnage at Gettysburg in early July of that year and though every unit of his organization was worked to its limit, it was nowhere found wanting. The remainder of 1863 was spent by the Army of the Potomac in maneuvering and indecisive engagements until it went into winter quarters after the operations at Mine Run, Virginia, in the early days of December.

It was at this time that Letterman, probably on account of impaired health, asked to be relieved of his assignment with the Army of the Potomac. His request was granted and he was assigned to the post of medical inspector of hospitals in the Department of the Susquehanna, in which position he remained

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED

FORCES LEGISLATION

Armed Services pay adjustment proposals are now being held in abeyance until a report can be tendered by the recently appointed civilian Advisory Commission on Armed Services Pay. The Commission, scheduled to meet on January 19, is at present engaged in compiling data showing how civilian salaries stack up against military pay for similar types of jobs. While the date for a final report of the Commission is still to be arrived at (probably will be acted upon at the Jan. 19 meeting), it is believed that "full speed ahead" will be the order of the day once the Commission's recommendations are made. Purely unofficial but usually well-informed sources are of the opinion that Armed Forces servicemen are in for an approximate 30 per cent upward adjustment in pay; the bill to be put before the present session of Congress for necessary action.

The "Career Plan," scheduled to go into effect in March for the infantry and food service components, will start rolling shortly for all services with a general shifting of enlisted personnel into their primary or related military occupational specialties. As with all new-born plans, the birth-pangs of the "Career Plan" will bring forth possible exceptions and revisions to the general reassignment policy; however, the overall picture will be to get the serviceman into the type of work for which he is best suited (by aptitudes and desires) and further, to give him an opportunity to advance by mastering a higher level of performance in his chosen field (by on-job study, self-study, USAFI courses or attendance at technical schools).

The caduceus, or winged staff with entwined snakes, which is the emblem of the Medical Department is now the background insignia of two new corps. The black letters "MS" superimposed on the caduceus represents the Medical Service Corps (a merged Pharmacy, Medical Administrative and Sanitary Corps.) The letters "WS" superimposed on the caduceus is the new Women's Medical Specialist Corps (a

merger of the former Dietitian, Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist Corps). The new insignia will have the caduceus cast in silver instead of the customary gold.

Annual physical examinations of officers, usually conducted during the month of January, will not be required nor given before April, 1948.

Medal of Honor winners of both World Wars and the Spanish-American War can now ride gratis, for free, on any Stateside military plane. Cards authorizing such travel are being issued to all living Medal heroes. The action is intended to facilitate the attendance of the honored soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines at all possible patriotic reunions.

AUS OFFICERS NOTE

All officers (except warrant officers, WAC officers, and Philippine scouts or Philippine Army officers who received appointments in the AUS) who do not hold any appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps or National Guard, United States, and all officers who hold an ORC appointment dated prior to June 28, 1945, must apply for an appointment in the ORC by March 1 if they wish to continue on active duty. Those not desiring such appointment, or whose applications are disapproved, will be separated from the service not later than April 30. Only exceptions to these provisions for AUS officers will be certain categories of Medical Department personnel. No officer will leave the zone of interior for an overseas assignment unless he has applied for, or holds, an ORC commission dated subsequent to June 28, 1945. While acceptance of an ORC commission will not affect current AUS grades or present volunteer category status, an Army circular forthcoming shortly will revise the present category system to make all tours of duty definite periods of time. Only officers holding a commission in a civilian component, dated subsequent to June 28, 1945, will be eligible for continued active service.

Sixth Army Finds "Virus X" is Mild Influenza

The Sixth Army Medical Laboratory at Fort Baker (Sausalito) was the first medical facility—military or civilian—to determine that Southern California's so-called "Virus X" epidemic is only an outbreak of a mild form of old-fashioned influenza.

Announcement of the Army's part in combatting the epidemic was made today by the Army Surgeon's office at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Specimens obtained from victims of the epidemic were rushed from the Army's McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena to Fort Baker, where isolation of the virus proved that the malady was merely "Type A" influenza—a mild form.

To prevent possible spread of the disease among military personnel, Sixth Army medical Department personnel have administered a new type of flu serum to all Army personnel in the eight states of the Sixth Army area.

The new serum is expected to be effective against more types of influenza than were covered by the serum formerly in use.

he was made a member of the first class of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

But the bright prospects opening before him were marred by the shadow of personal and family affliction. He had married, in October 1863, Mary Digges Lee of Maryland, to whose home he had come, worn from the fatigue of the battlefield of Antietam. Her sudden death in November, 1867, was a crushing blow from which he could not recover. The consequent mental depression, coupled with a chronic intestinal trouble, kept him a semi-invalid until his death on March 15, 1872, in his forty-eighth year.

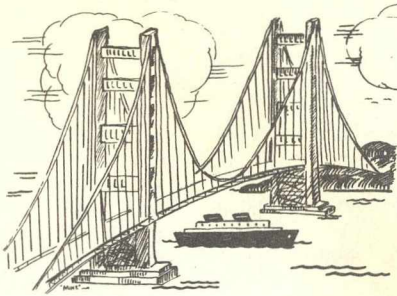
The attendance at his funeral from St. Mary's Cathedral, in San Francisco, marked the appreciation of his distinguished army service. He was buried in Lone Mountain Cemetery near the Golden Gate. In 1906 his remains, with those of his wife, were transferred to Washington to rest in Arlington. On the stone which marks his grave is inscribed: "Jonathan Letterman, who brought order and efficiency into the medical service and was the originator of modern methods of medical administration in armies."

until his resignation from the service on December 22, 1864.

His departure from the service was due to an opportunity in a business enterprise in Southern California, which apparently did not come up to his expectations as in the latter part of 1866 he gave it up and went to San Francisco and took up the practice of medicine.

the attention which it deserves.

In the autumn of 1867 he was elected coroner of the city and county of San Francisco, and in the following year he was appointed by Governor Haight surgeon general of the state troops. In 1870 the regents of the University of California elected him a member of its board of medical examiners and in 1871



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Centennial of the Discovery of Gold In California

One hundred years ago today—on January 24, 1948—gold was first discovered in California. This month the state inaugurates a three-year program of centennial celebrations—the hundredth anniversaries of the gold discovery in 1848, of the Gold Rush in 1849, and of the admission of California to the Union in 1850.

Scene of the discovery of gold was the small town of Coloma, then only a clearing on the South Fork of the American River. James Wilson Marshall, 36-year-old carpenter from New Jersey, who had crossed the plains for his health in 1844, was in Coloma, which is about 40 miles from Sacramento, building a sawmill for Captain John A. Sutter, founder of Sacramento.

On that historic January 24, Marshall found in the tailrace of the mill the flakes of gold, the news of which subsequently brought thousands to California in the Gold Rush. He reported his find to Captain Sutter, who tried to keep the find secret, but his efforts were unavailing, and the Gold Rush reached its climax within the next two years.

Three months after Marshall's discovery there were 800 men at Coloma searching for gold, and in the next three months the total reached 4000. The community continued to grow until its population was 10,000. When all available land in the immediate vicinity was staked out, large numbers of gold-seekers settled in the nearby town now known as Placerville.

Marshall's discovery did not win wealth for him. While he was in San Francisco with his gold samples, others came in to prospect his claims and posted armed guards to prevent him from regaining control of them. When he appealed to

the courts, the trespassers resorted to trickery, and Marshall's own attorneys sold him out to the opposition. Years later, in 1872, the legislature voted an appropriation of \$200 a month for him, but this was later cut, and he died in 1885 in abject poverty.

This week end Coloma is celebrating its centennial anniversary, and those who go there for the

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

8 January 1948

Dear Colonel Winn:

Please accept my thanks for your courtesies and hospitality during my brief visit to Letterman General Hospital.

Please convey my compliments to your staff. I regret that my visit was, of necessity, so short.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth C. Royall
Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary of the Army

Colonel Dean F. Winn
Letterman General Hospital
Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

event will see the town's two monuments—a cairn of stone marking the spot where gold was discovered, and the bronze monument of Marshall erected over his grave in 1890, five years after his death.

Into its granite pedestal are chiseled the words "The first flake of gold was found in the race of Sutter's Mill in Coloma January 24th 1848."

Secretary Royall Predicts Long U. S. Stay in Germany

(AFPS)—It will be many years before the United States is able to withdraw from Germany without endangering all that has so far been accomplished, Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall said in a recent address given in Denver, Colorado.

Occupation of Germany and Japan is a task which this country assumed, Mr. Royall said, and the United States will be held to account by the other nations of the world for any failure.

The occupation of Germany presents special problems, Mr. Royall said, because of the division of political authority.

"One of the zones is controlled by a government of a different ideology from that of the other three occupying countries," he said, obviously referring to Russia. "The differences have become so marked that joint action through an allied control council has been either difficult, or more frequently, impossible."

The Army has gone a long way toward demilitarizing Germany, he said, and her economic recovery spiral is "definitely upward."

Industrial production has risen to 42 per cent of the 1936 average, he said.

"We have brought her war criminals before the bar of justice," Mr. Royall said. "We have broken up and dispersed her military organizations and her vicious and cruel Nazi groups. We have removed from positions of influence most of the top leaders who formented and conducted the cruel war of oppression. We have abolished the pernicious cartels. We have dismantled the actual munitions plants as well as some of the supporting industries."

THE NEW DEAL IN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS INTERNSHIPS

By David C. Kellsey, M. C.

Since the establishment of internships the trend has been to overwork and underpay the young medic under the assumption that experience alone is worth more than an occasional good night's sleep and a few dollars in the pocket. Hospital experience is admittedly invaluable to the recent graduate of any medical school, for it is during

during war years and unhappily are allowed to color one's thoughts unjustly for long periods thereafter.

Such should not be the case for Army internships for they have been accepted internship appointments for many years. Yet now something new has happened to make them plums of the first magnitude. They dovetail into the ambitious long-range plan the Army has for training its future and present medical officers. The best of teaching conditions are provided so that as many as warrant it may become eligible for the Specialty Boards of their choice.

Having been exposed to this training for the past six months I can

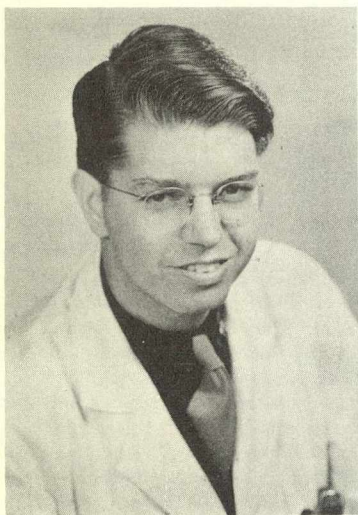
sonnel. Hence all age groups and diseases flow through an Army hospital as much as through most comparable civilian institutions. As a certain number of beds are also allotted to veterans we increase our chance of seeing every type of pathology extant in the community served.

The Army internship is rotating in type. We spend one month on Neuropsychiatry, one month on Laboratory Service and then divide our time between Pediatrics and Contagious Disease (1 month), EENT (1 month), Urology (1 month), Orthopedics (1 month), OBS, and Gyn. (2 months), and General Medicine and General Surgery for two months each. While on each service or subspecialty we may do any clinical procedures appropriate and are taught as many new ones as we wish to try out. We do not run up against the difficulties faced in many teaching hospitals—those resulting

the intern in the University Hospital receives.

Not only are these advantages apparent, but there are a number of others that must be mentioned. The Army actually places you where you desire to go, for the most part. Thus, you can decide upon an Army General Hospital appointment from the points of view of location, medical center with which it works, capacity, etc., just as you would in picking a civilian hospital. The appointments are competitive and are awarded on that basis. Also, if one does not desire a career in Army Medicine he is not obligated to do so, even though he took his internship in an Army institution and was on active duty while doing so. After your year is up you are a free agent. Speaking of active duty, a first Lieutenant's pay of two hundred dollars a month plus allowances is not hard to take either.

All of us here at Letterman have been completely satisfied with the training we have thus far received and are looking forward eagerly to the remainder of our individual programs. The new Army Internship is no longer an experiment but a well organized program with many mer-

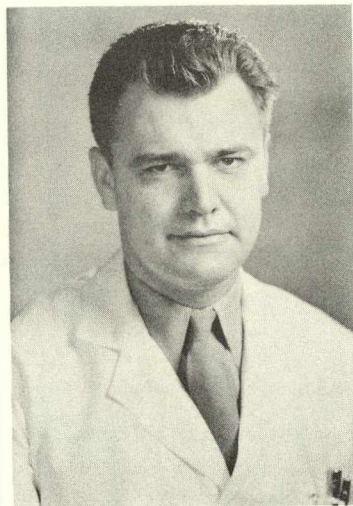


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this training that for the first time he stands alone and assumes responsibility in the management of the sick. Here medicine is really learned. Yet, since the war period of government - sponsored medical training the desire for decent wages while training in hospitals, better living conditions while residing in them, and more time to assimilate, read about and discuss the material seen on the wards has increased immeasurably.

The places where such luxuries are available during postgraduate training are few and far between. Just last July a surprising new deal in teaching internships appeared on the horizon of medical education. That it has had to prove itself in the face of many prejudices is understandable, for it is sponsored by the United States Army Medical corps. Such prejudices built up against any Service organization

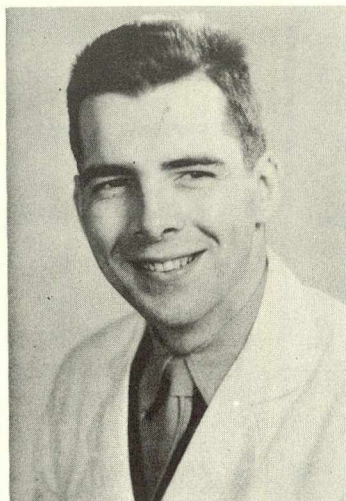


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truthfully say that in my estimation the Army Internship and Residency Program as it now stands is equal to any offered in University teaching hospitals. At Letterman General in San Francisco we have as Attendings some of the best men currently teaching at the University of California and Stanford University Medical Schools. Their teaching rounds are as excellent as any the present intern group here ever attended at their own schools, for the material is diversified and plentiful and the discussions lively.

The uninitiated must remember that the Army Medical Corps serves dependents as well as military per-



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from the fact that certain procedures may be done by residents alone. Rather, we are fortunately in the position of the intern in the City or County Hospital who has to pick up many and varied new clinical procedures. For often only he does them if they are to be done at all, while at the same time we receive teaching of the calibre that



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its to commend it. It would behoove many an undecided medical school undergraduate to look more closely

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into such an internship before making a final decision upon his first year of post graduate medical training.

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The writer of the foregoing article is one of the eight medical interns currently under training in Letterman. His photograph and those of his associates appear on these pages.

The Medical Department of the United States Army offers internships to selected graduates of medical schools approved by the American Medical Association. Successful candidates are assigned to Army General hospitals which have large amounts and a great variety of clinical material.

Each of these hospitals which engage in the teaching of both interns and residents has a well-planned professional program which is carried out in a thorough and highly satisfactory manner. These programs have been approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association.

It is anticipated that 100 internships will be available each year. Appointments begin on 1 July of each year and terminate on 30 June the following year.

Requirements. Applicants must



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present satisfactory evidence to show that they meet the following

requirements for appointment.

a. Citizenship in the United States.

b. Prospective graduate of a Medical School approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association. Such prospective graduation must be prior to 1 July of the year of internship for which the candidate is applying.

c. The candidate must be less than 31 years of age on the date on which the term of service is to begin.

d. He must have no agreement to accept an internship in any medical institution.

e. He must fulfill the physical requirements for appointment as an officer in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

Applications.

a. Application forms prepared by The Surgeon General's Office may be secured from the Office of the Dean or the Professor of



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Military Science and Tactics of the Medical School at which the candidate is in attendance.

b. Applications will be accepted between 15 and 20 October of each year in order to conform with the system established by the Association of American Medical Colleges, the various Hos-

pital Associations and the American Medical Association.

c. Applications should be forwarded to the Dean of the candidate's medical school, since there is certain information which the school is asked to give in regard to the qualifications of each student who makes application.

d. The completed application form must be accompanied by the following items:

(1) Three character reference letters. These should be obtained by the candidate from individuals of excellent standing in the community in which he has lived for several years. Since the Dean of the school is making recommendations on behalf of the faculty, it is desired that members of the



DAVID H. WILSON
1st Lieut. MC-ORC

Born in St. Petersburg, Florida. Pre-medical studies at Occidental College, Los Angeles. Graduated from the medical school of the University of Southern California with the Class of 1947. Active duty at Letterman 1 July 1947.

medical school faculty not be asked to write these letters.

(2) A recent passport-type photograph, having dimensions of not less than 3 x 4 inches.

(3) A statement that the candidate has been physically examined by a Medical Officer at a U. S. Army installation, signed by the examining officer.

Hospitals. Internships will be in the following eight Army general hospitals: Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan; William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas; Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas; Fitzsim-

ons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado; Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia; Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California; Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington; Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Insofar as possible, consideration will be given the desires of the candidate as to the hospitals in which he may wish to serve.

Appointment of candidates. These will be made upon the basis of scholastic standing, physical fitness and aptitude.

Selections will be announced on or about 15 November of each year.



RAYMOND W. BLOHM, JR.
1st Lieut. MC-ORC

Born in Lackawanna, New York. Pre-medical studies and medical course at the University of Buffalo, New York. Graduated with the Class of 1947. Active duty at Letterman 1 July 1947.

Candidates must notify the Office of the Surgeon General as to their acceptance or rejection of the internship before 20 November.

Upon receipt by The Surgeon General of a candidate's notification of acceptance the candidate will be appointed as intern for one year.

Commissions. Appointees will be commissioned as First Lieutenants, Medical Corps, in the Organized Reserve Corps on or about 1 May. After the necessary physical examination they will be ordered to active duty for one year effective 1 July.

While on active duty the intern will receive the pay and allowances of his grade.

Termination of Service. At the close of the year an intern may ap-

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EDITORIAL

"Prejudice" is the subject of a recent armed forces talk prepared by the Army Information and Education Division. It is defined as "an opinion or emotional feeling which isn't based upon fact or reason."

It is true that many times an individual's prejudice against a whole group is based upon a single offending incident, an incident which seems to bear out what others have cited as an objectionable racial trait of that group. Forming a prejudice on such a basis is certainly unreasonable, but it is done every day.

The erasure of prejudice among the peoples of the world is a gigantic task. It is true that it calls for teamwork, but the part played by the individual must not be overlooked.

If you have a set of prejudices that have been fostered by rumor and baseless generalizations, examine them. Be impartial in your investigation of your own motives for prejudice. Is your bias based on just and logical reasoning? Have you made allowances for limitations in your own or the other person's background?

Just because there is precedent for your prejudice, do not accept it as a reasonable one. Examine the situation for yourself. Bring an open mind to every situation in which you deal with fellow human beings.

Try to consider everyone in the light of his own standards, and you will be better able to deal with situations which

WAC

With everything shining, from insignia to shoes, the members of the WAC department turned out at 7:15 a. m. last Friday for formal inspection by their CO, Captain Charlotte Woodworth. Hereafter this will be a regular Friday morning event. And in the future the girls will also turn out for drill twice a week. This is the Army, Sergeant Jones!

S/Sgt. Sylvia Winer recently moved downstairs in barracks 212, to make the fourth member of the barracks' well known "Embroidery Corner." The others who are extra skillful with their needles are Sgt. Olive Badger, T/5 Kitty Kelly and T/5 Janice Deming.

T/4 "Chris" McConnell has left barracks 212 for the newly-opened barracks 214, where she has been appointed barracks sergeant. Her friends in 212 would like to have her back again. They say they miss her very much.

T/5 Sheila Daugherty is enjoying a surprise visit from her mother, who is here from Portland, Oregon.

Wedding bells will be ringing in June for T/4 Anna Christensen, who announced her engagement this week to T/Sgt. Melvin C. Drasher of the Hospital Train Section.

First Sgt. Nellie Johnson went to Los Angeles this week on a three-day pass.

Our sympathy to T/5 Helen Ricks, who hurt her leg during basketball practice the other night. Fortunately it wasn't serious enough to put her on patient status, and she is still on the job, but bandaged.

S/Sgt. Vivian Bloxson always looks happy, but she has an extra sparkle in her eye these days. Her husband, S/Sgt. Laurence Bloxson, arrived last week from duty in Manila, and Vivian is getting a chance to cook all those special dishes for him that she's been practicing on since he's been away.

cause prejudice, and better able to judge them fairly.

The individual also has an important part to play in the formation of public opinion. By the force of example, by stating your views and carrying them out, by the just treatment of a minority group, persons already prejudiced against that group can be influenced for good.

Watch your prejudices.



Four newcomers were welcomed this week to the Army Nurse Corps group. They are 1st Lieut. Mary S. Beane, from Spokane; 1st Lieut. Hendrina Jankowski, returned from duty in the Pacific and the 147th General Hospital; 1st Lieut. Katherine F. Lynch, from the Port of Embarkation, Seattle; 1st Lieut. Izora A. Britton, from the New Orleans Port of Embarkation.

First Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff of Physical Therapy is entertaining two house guests—her sister-in-law, Mrs. Karl W. Sandhoff of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Mayme Gunn of New York City.

First Lieut. Gertrude Heller, ANC, returned to civilian life this week. Although she has continued since her marriage to be known on duty as Lieut. Heller, she is Mrs. Lewis, the wife of Captain Sherman Lewis, DC, of the Dental Service at Letterman.

Miss Anne O'Leary, now a civilian nurse on ward D-2, is a former Army nurse, and a former Lettermanite also, having spent four years here on ward F-1 when she was in the ANC.

First Lieut. Lydia Dobaran, ANC, left this week for Boise, Idaho, to spend a 10-day leave with her family.

Three of the nurses are leaving for Washington, D. C., where they will take the 20-week course in Psychiatric Nursing at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. They are First Lieuts. Marthan F. Bengé, Barbara L. Wingo and Eunice J. Wood.

On her way East to be maid of honor at her cousin's wedding in Ardmore, Pa., is 1st Lieut. Mary O'Donnell, ANC. Although she is the type who looks well in almost any color, she should be especially glamorous in the blue frock she is to wear for the wedding.

Captain Vida Buehler, Chief of Physical Therapy, is the proud possessor of a new lapel pin, a "hello" gift from Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff when she returned from holiday leave. The pin is a lovely cardinal bird of hand-carved and hand-painted wood.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 25 January, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

NCO Club to Be in Operation By 1 February

A meeting of all Letterman NCOs was held in the Crissy Field Service Club last week for the purpose of ratifying the constitution and by-laws and electing a vice president. M/Sgt. Otto Stewart of the Dental Clinic was elected. S/Sgt. Walter W. Crapo was elected to replace T/Sgt. William C. Farmer as the band member of the board of directors.

Membership cards have been ordered and will be available in the near future. According to the newly adopted constitution the initial fee for joining the club will be \$1.50, plus 75 cents for the first month's dues. The dues thereafter will be 75 cents monthly, payable by the 15th of each month.

Approximately 20 men from the duty sections of the hospital volunteered to G. I. the club. This was accomplished last Saturday. It is expected that the club will be in operation before the first of February.

Donation

The veterans' rehabilitation fund, sponsored by Mr. William P. Kyne, general manager of the California Jockey Club, has donated \$2500 to Letterman hospital for the welfare and entertainment of patients.

Query

The mother of Private Everett M. Gill, Company C, 33rd Quartermaster Truck Regiment, who was reported killed 22 December 1941, would like to know if any of our patients or duty personnel were acquainted with her son. Anyone having information please see the Chaplain.

ON THE SPOT



HERBERT E. NEWTON
Technical Sergeant

Technical Sergeant Herbert E. Newton, at present assigned to the Hospital Inspector's office, first entered the Army in September 1944. He was inducted at Los Angeles, and received his basic training at the Camp Roberts Infantry Replacement Training Center.

After completing that training, he went overseas, in February 1945, and saw extensive action in the Philippines, serving with the 182nd Infantry Regiment of the Americal Division. He returned to the States as a patient in July 1945.

"Newt" was born in Los Angeles on 16 June 1924, but his parents moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, when he was only six weeks old, so he naturally regards that as his home town. He grew up in Salt Lake City and attended the South High School there.

After his return from overseas duty, Newt spent several months as a patient, first at DeWitt General Hospital and later at Mitchell Convalescent Hospital.

He returned to duty with the Army Ground Forces Liaison Section and was subsequently transferred to Letterman where he served with AGF Liaison until he was assigned to the Hospital Inspector's office last June.

Before his induction into the Army, he worked as an inventory clerk for the Thrifty Drug Company chain in Los Angeles. He is now studying auditing and accounting through the United States Armed Forces Institute in preparation for a civilian career as an accountant.

Newt's only hobby is raising and educating his three children, he says. He and his wife Rosella have two daughters, Christina, 5, Michele, 2, and a son, Kenneth, who is four months old. They make their home in Richmond.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Ward M. Harris of Ward F-1 is back "home" from furlough. Ward's official home is Muskogee, Oklahoma but he spent his furlough here in California. Going native, eh, Ward?

Ray Adams of Ward 28 is back from furlough and married. Ray married Miss Lean Brown in Bastrop, Louisiana the 13th of December. Church wedding, rice, old shoes and all the trimmings.

"Red" Rorick of Ward D-2 is known as the "Claustrophobia Kid." He can't sleep unless all the doors are open. In addition to this, "Red" is studying plumbing, so although D-2 might not have a left handed plumber they have a redheaded one.

Chaplain Lawhead is called the "man about town" of Ward D-2. He has more visitors than anyone on the Ward.

The new "Romeo" of Ward C-1 is Aubrey Barry. Aubrey denies this charge, however, and says that the only ambition he has is to go back to Florida. Better not let the natives here hear you say that, Aubrey.

As this column goes to press, Frank Cornell of Ward B-2 is playing in the finals of the 6th Army Table Tennis Tournament; he is in both the singles and doubles. Frank, who is known as the perennial champion, doesn't anticipate too much trouble. Frank has won several major "Ping Pong" tournaments including this one last year in both the singles and doubles. This column will inform you of the outcome next week.

Henry Georgavich is the politician "de luxe" of Ward 42. His platform: A \$5,000 bonus for every man, woman and child that has served in the Army. The entire ward is solidly behind Henry.

Fred Casias of Ward 28, president of the Letterman Barbecue Club, is extending an invitation to "Come one, come all" and join his club. The Club is celebrating its 2nd anniversary on the 28th (evening) at Sigmund Stern Grove. All chow hounds, front and center.

Henry Molter of Ward B-1 has the fastest miniature jet racer on the ward. Francis Murphy and Robert James claim that this column will have to retract the above statement in next week's issue because they are redesigning their "speed wagons" with emphasis on stream-

lining. They both look like pencils with wheels right now.

The consensus of opinion on Ward D-2: Chuck Gibson's Town Crier Advertisement in last week's issue, requesting WACs to administer TLC (tender loving care) didn't get much response from the "Sister" Service but is getting a big play from the Occupational Therapy Section.

According to the boys on Ward 28, Othel L. Hayes, the model airplane builder, walks to town and flies back. What kind of gasoline do you use, Othel?

Americo Salvetti of Ward I and Hank Hill of Ward 30 are practicing casting. All fish, beware. Americo is also a hunter of note. Last week he paid off (?) the Ward C-2 secretary with two ducks and this week it is a big fat goose. "Mow 'em down, Americo."

Joe Stewart, the "Peck's bad boy" of Ward 28 swears that he is a reformed man, as of now. However the other members of the ward are taking the news with the proverbial grain of salt and keeping their fingers crossed in the bargain.

Jack Davis, a long time resident of Ward E-2, has been transferred to Ward L-1. Jack, the boys on E-2 wish you a speedy recover, and say to hurry back.

Thomas J. "Pop" Worley of Ward C-1 is going back to duty after a four-month stay with us. "Pop" is going back to his strenuous (?) 1st sergeant duties.

Raymond Warburton of Ward C-2 gave a performance for the boys just before the Lina Romay show. According to the hot dope, the fellows enjoyed Ray's show just as much or more than Lina's, notwithstanding all her charms and what have you.

Ward 41 is starting their own O.T. Shop, concentrating on leather work and mass production. No bottle-necks here.

Patients on Ward A-2 have watched with interest and cheers the progress of the romance that began here last November when the style show that went to Paris came to Letterman. Model Denise Rainey and Lieut. Guy Dickey, Ward A-2 patient, met that evening for the first time, and it must have been love at first sight. Wedding bells will ring for them in April.

WAC OF THE WEEK



BESSIE L. BLEDSOE
Staff Sergeant

The transition from Percy Jones General Hospital to Letterman was easy for Staff Sergeant Bessie Bledsoe. Her assignment here is the same as the one she had at Percy Jones—she is in the Information Office, and she's glad of it. Of course she has to assimilate a lot of new names and locations, but it didn't take her long to get into the swing of things.

Bessie arrived here last week with thirteen other WACs from Percy Jones. They left the Battle Creek, Michigan, hospital when the WAC detachment there was deactivated. Bessie says that though she was sorry to leave there, it wasn't hard to take that change from snow and ice to green lawns and sun.

Bessie was born in Eastman, Georgia, but grew up and went to school in Moultrie. She took nurse's training at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, but changed her mind about wanting to go in for a nursing career, and in December 1944 joined the WAC.

She was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, right in her home state, for basic training, and was then assigned to duty at Camp Edwards Convalescent Hospital at Cape Cod, near Boston. She was there for a little over a year, until March 1946, when she was sent to the station hospital at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. The following July she went to Percy Jones, where she remained until she came to LGH this month.

Bessie is an ardent radio fan, and also has a collecting hobby. She collects snapshots and picture postcards, and says the collections are about to get out of hand, what with pictures and cards piling up, and a lot of them not yet mounted in her albums. In the sports line, she likes watching basketball and football games.

CIVIL CIRCLES

When Mr. Kipling wrote "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, and blaming it on you" he must have been thinking of Virginia DeTrana who brings order out of incipient confusion almost daily in the Out Patent Service.

Alice Togerson of Finance and Harriet Baken of Educational Reconditioning make a very attractive twain when they wear their red coats. Of course, they are attractive even without the coats.

Marshall Douglas of the Photo Lab is dreaming of a trip to Europe in the future and hopes that the fulfillment of his dream isn't too far off.

Annette Feller's talent for playing the piano has come to light and she now "pounds the ivories" for the entertainment of the patients on the ward.

An attractive strawberry blonde answering to the name of Evelyn Timmons is the latest addition to the Dental Branch. She was formerly a dental assistant at Fort Ord. She lists ice skating and roller skating as two of her favorite leisure time activities.

Wally Fruit of the Mess Hall recently returned from a two months leave which he spent "down South" but he says it is very nice to be on the job again, while Margaret Hickey of Ward P-1 and Ann Campbell of EKG Section decided that San Francisco would be a very nice place to spend their vacation and they report an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Alice Thompson of the Letterman PX is going around with her left arm in a sling, but she still is once more "up front."

Emily Knepp and Lillian Jones of the Dental Branch always eat at the flip of a coin—for morning coffee. Lucky girls!

Rebecca Garcia of the Chaplain's office was taken to the hospital Thursday for an emergency operation. She is a patient at St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco.

The men whom I have seen succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men who went about their business with a smile on their faces and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men, facing the rough and smooth alike as it came.—Charles Kingsley.

THIS GRAY LADY HAS AMASSED 7000 HOURS OF SERVICE IN SEVEN YEARS



Mrs. RUBY COLTON
Vice-Chairman of Red Cross Gray Lady Corps at LGH

One of the best-loved members of the Corps of Gray Ladies at Letterman is Mrs. Ruby Colton, vice-chairman of the unit. Mrs. Colton became a Red Cross Gray Lady in May 1940, and during the more than seven years she has been here, she has amassed the amazing total of 7000 hours of service. She now gives an average of 30 hours a week of her time. During the war her average was 48 hours a week. As vice-chairman she is in charge of Gray Lady activities in the East Hospital, and personally covers wards 26, 27, 28, 29, 41 and 42.

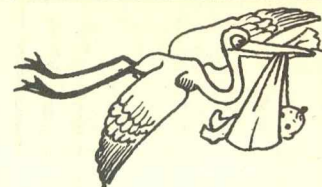
Mrs. Colton is a native of San Francisco and devotes a great deal of her time to social and welfare work in other organizations as well as in the Red Cross. During the war she was a representative of the Jewish Welfare Board, and served once a month at the San Francisco Hospitality House for over six years. She is now chairman of that organization's Serv-a-Hospital committee, which furnishes recreation and games to the hospitals of the Bay Area. She was a dance floor hostess at the USO in San Francisco during the war.

She comes out to Letterman every day of the week, and is particularly interested in the activities of the Barbecue Club. Every Wed-

nesday, weather permitting, she takes a group of 25 patients either to Mount Tamalpais or to Stern Grove, and they cook a meal outdoors. On Friday she takes another group of patients to see the current show at the Alexandria Theatre.

Last year Mrs. Colton won a 1947 car in a raffle, and she says she is so grateful for this piece of luck that she has made extra effort ever since to use the car for errands for the patients as often as possible. Mrs. Colton's husband, Milton Colton, also takes an interest in Letterman, and was here on Christmas to play the role of Santa Claus for the patients. Her daughter, Mrs. Richard Glassman, was a Red Cross medical social worker at Oak Knoll hospital before her marriage.

In addition to all her Gray Lady activities, Mrs. Colton also finds time to make her own clothes, and to keep up her scrapbooks of pictures, coins and other souvenirs of the war given her by her friends among the patients here. Of her service she says that she has received so much more than she has given that she feels she is the one to be grateful. But her holiday mail each year shows that both ex-patients and current patients take the opposite view.



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Alfred F. Rodemeyer, a boy, **Gary Alan**, born 10 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Lee Dadds, a girl, **Jane Ellen**, born 10 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Clay Pearce, a girl, **Stephanie**, born 11 January.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Rodney Mark Fergon, a boy, **David Richard**, born 13 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ambrosio Navarro, a boy, **Reynoldo Trimanez**, born 13 January.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Fred R. Peder-sen, a girl, **Sharon Lee**, born 13 January.

To T/5 and Mrs. Thomas Charles Morton, a girl, **Linda Louise**, born 14 January.

To Major and Mrs. Thomas Franklin Eakins, a girl, **Tona Kaye**, born 16 January.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Millard Hardy McLain, a girl, **Gale**, born 16 January.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Charles A. Ravenstein, a boy, **John Charles**, born 17 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Homer Archie Cravens, a boy, **Stanley Homer**, born 17 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Louis Boling, a boy, **Eldon Don**, born 18 January.

To Major and Mrs. Donald Erwin Cowan, a girl, **Cathleen Anne**, born 18 January.

MORE ABOUT INTERNSHIP

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ply for a Regular Army Medical Corps commission if he so desires. Selected individuals may be tendered commissions without examination.

Individuals who do not desire or are not tendered commissions will be relieved from active duty on or about 30 June. The Reserve Commission remains in effect for a total of five years, including the period of the internship, unless a resignation from this status is accepted by the Department of the Army. No further call to active duty is contemplated unless such is requested by the officer.

MEDICAL DETACH

According to 1st Sgt. Peter P. Lee of the Receiving Office, 1st Sgt. Charles C. Cooper of the Baggage Room has either altered his style of golf or he (Lee) is getting better. Peter says he was beaten by Cooper on an average of twice a week for nine months before he finally turned the tables by beating him a couple of games. Cooper then gave up the ghost and quit playing him (says Pete). You are not so dumb, are you Charley?

Says 1st Sgt. Willus W. Crump of the Detachment Orderly Room: "1st Sgt. Oxenrider's morale has gone up 101 per cent since he has acquired an efficient secretary." Pretty, too!

Welcome to M/Sgt. Frank Williams, 1st Sgt. Robert Walsh, T/Sgt. Louis Stewart, T/Sgt. Harold Ayers, Pfc. Howard Mears and Pvt. Morris Label who were recently transferred to Letterman from McCornack General Hospital.

Fist Sgt. Arnold Barden, CQ of the Crissy Area, is back in harness again. Arnold returned from a 30-day furlough spent in Illinois. In addition to acquiring an automobile Arnold found an apartment the first day that he was back. Must be living right.

That unflinching source of news copy, M/Sgt. George Barte of Educational Reconditioning, is at it again. George was seen cutting the Personal Column out of a local paper and putting it in his musette bag. According to T/Sgt. Herbert Newton of the Hospital Inspectors Office, the highlight of this column was as follows: "Woman 75 years of age, ample funds, wishes to make acquaintance of man same age. Object, matrimony."

M/Sgt. Kenneth Robbins, the "Bingo Kid" of Convalescent Services, has that look in his eye again. It couldn't be in anticipation of the Bingo party to be held on the 29th at Crissy Annex Mess Hall, could it, Robbie?

After acquiring the name of "gold brick deluxe" from his barracks mates because of his disappearing habits on clean-up night, T/5 Edward Lopez of the Occupational Therapy Shop gave them the shock of their life by not only being present at the last one but also because he volunteered to run the buffer.

CHAPLAIN McCAMMON IS WELCOMED BACK TO LGH AFTER THREE YEARS



Chaplain (Captain) LESTER LANE McCAMMON
Is again Assistant Post Chaplain here

After nearly three years spent in the Philippines and at stations on the East Coast, Chaplain (Captain) L. Lane McCammon returned to Letterman this week to receive a warm welcome from his many friends here. Letterman was Chaplain McCammon's first duty station as an Army chaplain, and he says "it is a real delight" to be back here again. He came here for the first time in February 1943 and left in March 1945.

Chaplain McCammon is a native of Pennsylvania, and spent his early youth on a farm near West Alexandria, an agricultural and sheep-raising community in the western part of the state. He was graduated from Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, where he majored in English. World War I broke out shortly after he received his degree, and he enlisted in the Army, and was sent to France, where he served for a year.

After his discharge, he became a student at Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburg, Pa., and after receiving the degree of S.T.B. (Bachelor of Sacred Theology) he was ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church. He spent a summer working among the Mexican youth in Southern California, then

left for Europe, where he remained for a year, engaged in research and travel. He studied at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, and traveled throughout Central Europe. Upon his return to the United States, he was appointed pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Delmont, Pa., and later at Zelienople Pa.

He became an Army chaplain in 1942 and after a period of study and training at Harvard University, was assigned to duty at Letterman.

Leaving here in March 1945, he served with the 312th General Hospital in Manila until the spring of 1946, after which he received his discharge. He spent a few months in Florida, and was then called back to active duty with the Army last January, with station at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J. Last August he went to Walter Reed Hospital as a patient, then was again assigned here upon his recovery.

Chaplain and Mrs. McCammon drove to California from Pittsburgh last week, and in spite of the bad weather reports we hear from the East, they were singularly fortunate, and had dry roads all the way, with no snow or rain to hamper their journey.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

This week the Hospital Train Section welcomes several new additions —T/Sgt. Arthur D. Ainley, Sgt. Will W. George, Pfc. Thomas Hasari, Pfc. Eldon F. McGee, Pvt. Franklin Fredricks, and Pvt. Claude O. Winters. Here's hoping that they all have a long and happy tour of duty with the H. T. S.

For two others it's good-bye to the army and hello to civilian life. Cpl. Sam A. Mondello, Jr., and T/5 Harry E. Kelly received their discharge and departed for the deep south, namely New Orleans.

After talking with T/Sgt. James Kane, we are all under the impression that he had a very good time on his delay en route which he spent in Los Angeles. Looking for another trip "down south" again, Jim?

Queenie, the unit's mascot, is once again the proud mother of nine pups. Congratulations.

But now we still have Captain Wilcox walking around the area in a fog, impatiently waiting for the arrival of the "stork."

A certain T/Sgt. who very seldom wandered far from the area is seen stepping out a good deal these days. We wonder just what it is all about. Could you tell us, "Red?"

A challenge from the officers of the Train Section to the enlisted men to a game of volley ball was quickly snapped up, and the score showed why. Big Red Mitchell, Jim Oisten and Co. beat the officers 21-11. It looks like the officers could stand some noon hour practice sessions.

Major Greb left us from the Evacuation office to "pinch-hit" for Major Faling in the Hospital Inspector's office, while the latter is sick. We hope his stay won't be for long.

Appreciation

Letterman patients said thank you last week in a letter of appreciation to the civilian workers of the Marine Repair Shops of San Francisco Port of Embarkation for their annual contribution to the hospital's Christmas cheer.

The Port shop workers, under Superintendent, J. A. Harris, perpetuated a custom of war years and took up a collection in the shops to help make the holidays merrier for the hospital patients.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

The Veterans Administration has reinstated "peacetime" regulations governing certain types of medical care for veterans.

Only veterans with service connected disabilities are entitled to out-patient treatment in VA clinics and, in some cases, by private doctors. Service-connected cases also have priority to hospitalization, second only to emergency cases.

Shortly after the end of the war when large numbers of veterans were returning to civilian life the VA "relaxed" regulations regarding evidence of "service connection." VA certified veterans for out-patient treatment or priority for hospitalization on "prima facie evidence," which included the veteran's own word that his disability was service-connected. This temporary determination stood until the veteran's service records could be assembled.

Since practically all veterans with a service connected disability have now had an opportunity to file claims, the VA is no longer accepting "prima facie" evidence for certification for out-patient treatment or priority for hospitalization.

The return to the peacetime regulations in no way changes the rights of veterans to medical or dental treatment. The only difference will be that out-patient medical or dental treatment will be granted only after the veteran's claim has been established.

Question: Will my failure to report for a physical examination, ordered by VA, affect my payments of compensation?

Answer: Yes. Upon failure to report for examination, without adequate reason, an award of disability compensation is suspended. Where the veteran subsequently reports for physical examination, retroactive payments over the intervening period may be precluded unless the evidence clearly establishes that the disability, in fact, existed to a compensable degree during such period.

Question: Is the amount of my disability compensation in any way affected by the amount of money I earn or received from other sources?

Answer: No.

AL AND SNIFFY DISCUSS GENERAL BRADLEY, FUTURE CHIEF OF STAFF

(AFPS)—Al, the editor of what he called the "finest little mimeograph newspaper in the Army," was pounding his typewriter. It was a slow day, and Sniffy, the ace reporter, was sitting with his chair tilted against the wall. He was thumbing through a book of poetry.

"A jug of wine, a loaf of bread and thou, beside me in the wilderness," read Sniffy.

"Nuts," said Al, who ranked Sniffy by three stripes.

"Wadya mean, nuts?" Sniffy asked. "That's the *Rubiyat of Omar Khayyam*. Great literature. He started to read aloud again when Al's face lit up.

"Omar Khayyam, eh," the editor mused. "You know what that reminds me of?"

"High School?" suggested Sniffy.

"High School your fadder's mustache. *Omar Khayyam* reminds me of another Omar—General Omar N. Bradley. He replaces General Eisenhower as Chief of Staff soon, and you, dear chum, had better knock out a decent story on that particular subject for next week's sheet." Al scribbled the word "Bradley" on his dummy-sheet and the ace reporter went through the files. Shortly Sniffy started to read.

"General Bradley is a hard man to write about, in a way, just because he is so normal. He has no idiosyncrasies, no superstitions, no hobbies. He doesn't collect seashells. He doesn't read Schopenhauer. There is nothing odd or spectacular about him." Al looked interested and Sniffy went on. "That, dear boss, is straight out of Ernie Pyle. If Ernie couldn't find anything to write about him, how can I do a decent job?"

"Don't be asinine," Al smiled. "Read on, MacDuff."

"Unh oh, here's more from Pyle. This is better: 'I don't believe I have ever known a person to be so unanimously loved and respected by the men around and under him.'"

"Sounds good," Al said. "Might lead your story with that. What did they say in his West Point Year Book?"

"He graduated in 1913—same year as Eisenhower," Sniffy told him. "It says: 'His most promising characteristic is getting there, and if he keeps up the clip he's started, some of us will be bragging to our grandchildren that sure, General Bradley was a classmate of mine.'"

"Any more dope," Al pressed.

"Well," said Sniffy, "The Infantry Journal started a three-issue article on him in the December publication. But they deal mostly with his military tactics and strategy. He's considered to be one of the brilliant tacticians of our time. Did a great job in the Tunisian campaign. He led the 12th Army group that shattered Hitler's impregnable defenses and whipped the Nazis on their own soil. It was his soldiers that met the Russians at the Elbe."

"More, sonny boy. Don't stop now," Al was leafing through magazines, and finally came across a biographical outline.

"Born in Missouri . . . Was 44th in his class at the Military Academy . . . Spent most of his military career with the good ole infantry . . . Distinguished Service Medal, two clusters . . . Legion of merit, cluster . . . Silver Star for gallantry under fire . . . Bronze Star . . . Foreign decorations from England, France, Belgium, Russia, Holland—you name it . . . Was chief of the Veterans Administration for a couple of years . . . Did a great job, especially with the medical end . . . Big clean-up, from what I remember . . . I guess he's a pretty good man for the job of Army Chief of Staff."

"You guess he's a pretty good man for the job! Listen, you rookie, you. I was at St. Lo. Who do you think it was that executed that break-through? Rommel? It was General Omar N. Bradley, the 'Soldiers' Soldier.' He's the kind of General who takes the calculated risk, but figures things so well that the fewest number of lives are lost."

"And you know somethin' else. Bradley almost never held a press conference, and he didn't fly his star-flag unless a formal occasion demanded it. Pretty good—why chum, he's perfect for the job."

"Look boss," Sniffy said. "If you know so much about General Bradley, why ask me? Why not write the story yourself?"

"Good idea, Sniffy. Glad I thought of it. I'll start right now." And he did.



EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

If there were no drugs and medicines available, civilization could not long exist. Disease and death would sweep from one corner of the earth to the other and man would be powerless to stop their devastation. Pharmacists prepare, compound, and dispense drugs, medicines, and allied health products. Many of them conduct pharmacies in which they combine pharmaceutical work with the management of a retail business.

Pharmacists, employed by drug manufacturing firms, supervise the preparation of medicines in various dosage forms such as pills, tablets, ointments, capsules, and liquids. Some pharmacists work for Federal, State, or local government agencies concerned with the enforcement of pharmacy, narcotic, and other health laws. A limited number of pharmacists teach in schools of pharmacy or enter journalistic work as writers for pharmaceutical journals.

To practice pharmacy you must be licensed by the State in which you intend to practice by passing an examination on your knowledge of pharmacy. Nearly all states require that you be a graduate of a school of pharmacy and that you have at least one year of practical experience before taking the examination. You must have a high school education or its equivalent for admission to one of the approximately 60 accredited schools and colleges of pharmacy in the United States. The study of pharmacy is based on the principles of chemistry, physics, botany, biology, and physiology. The college course provides the student with a sound basic knowledge of these sciences and their specialized applications. The curriculum also includes courses in pharmaceutical economics, business management, and accounting.

The United States Armed Forces Institute offers to servicemen many correspondence courses that will help to prepare now for admission to a school of pharmacy. For example there are: Beginning Algebra, General Science, Inorganic Chemistry, and Physics. Offered also are the following self-study courses: Exploring Biology and Introductory College Chemistry.



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Three from LGH Win in Sixth Army Tournament

In the Sixth Army Table Tennis and Badminton Championship Tournaments held at the Letterman gymnasium last week Letterman personnel carried off top honors in table tennis in the men's singles and doubles. Sgt. Frank Cornell, Letterman patient, won the men's singles championship, and Sgt. Cornell and S/Sgt. Leslie Harvey of the Letterman gym won the men's doubles. Pvt. Julius Engel of Letterman was runner-up in the men's singles.

Teams participating in the tournaments included Fort Lewis, Madigan General Hospital, Vancouver Barracks, Fort Ord, Camp Stoneman, Presidio of San Francisco, Fort Lawton and Letterman. The tournaments were conducted for both men and women of the Sixth Army Area. Trophies were awarded by Colonel Luther R. Moore, Letterman's acting commanding officer, to the winners and runners-up in the table and badminton singles and doubles, both for men and women.

The winners and runners-up in the various table tennis events (other than those mentioned above) were: Runners-up in the men's doubles—M/Sgt. Leon H. Clevenger and M/Sgt. Robert G. Waddell, Second Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash. The women's singles' winner was T/4 Jessie M. Tompkins of Camp Stoneman, with Sgt. Paula R. Gilhausen of the Presidio as runner-up. The women's doubles championship was won by Sgt. Gilhausen and Pfc. Josephine Villasenor of the Presidio. In second place were Lieut. Dolores Evanson and 1/Sgt. Louise Severson of Madigan General Hospital.

Badminton results were: Singles championship winner, Capt. William

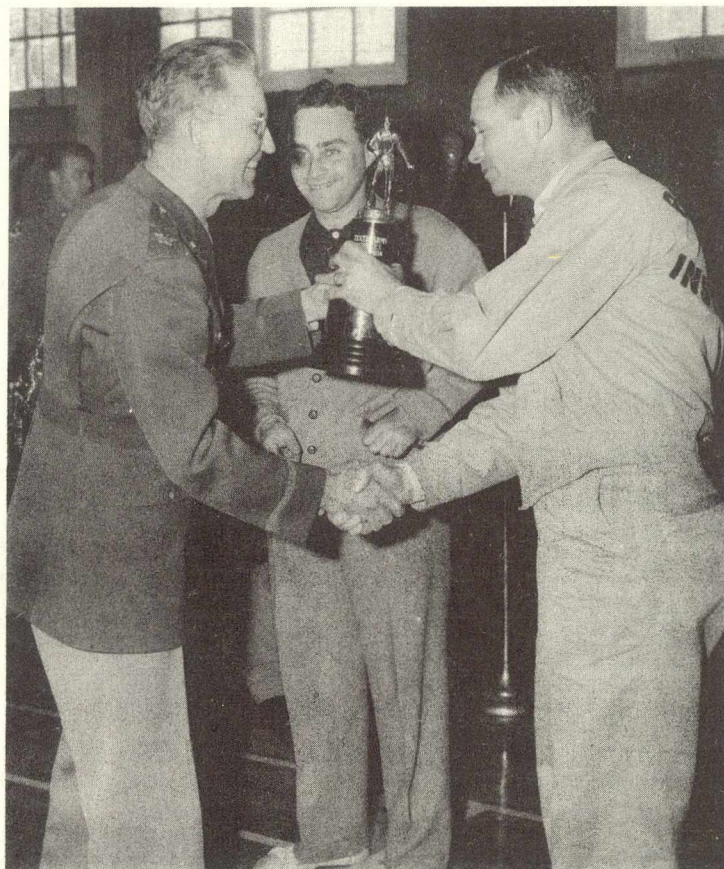


TABLE TENNIS TROPHY

Colonel Luther R. Moore, acting commanding officer, presents the table tennis championship trophy to the winners in the men's doubles class—Sgt. Frank Cornell and S/Sgt. Leslie Harvey, both of Letterman. Sergeant Cornell, who is a Letterman patient, also won the men's singles championship.

Bumstad, Fort Ord; runner-up, Sgt. William O. Bush, Vancouver Barracks. In the men's doubles Capt. Bumstead and Lieut. Kenneth D. Moskowitz of Fort Ord were the winners, with Lieut. Robert C. Templer, Fort Lawton and Sgt. Bush as runners-up. The women's singles championship was won by Capt. Ariel Stout of Madigan. Sgt. Harriett

Smith of the Presidio was runner-up. Top trophy for the women's doubles went to Captain Stout and Captain Emily Fairbanks of Madigan, who defeated Sgt. Harriett Smith and T/5 Bonna B. Evans of the Presidio.

Tournament play began each day at 0900 hours and continued
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Veterans Hospital Camp Shows to Succeed USO

Veterans Hospital Camp Shows, Inc., the successor to USO Camp Shows, this week inaugurated its service of bringing entertainment to patients in Veterans Administration, Army and Navy Hospitals.

The first program, "International Revels," will be presented at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Livermore. It will then be presented here at Letterman. The company then will start on a tour that includes Veterans Administration hospitals at Tucson, Whipple and Phoenix, Arizona, and San Francisco, California.

When USO Camp Shows concluded its war service on January 1, it turned over approximately \$1,000,000 to Veterans Hospital Camp Shows, Inc. The money is to be used to continue bringing entertainment to hospitalized veterans.

The new organization, headed by a group of some of the most outstanding names in the show business, has already organized ten units to tour the entire country, bringing entertainment to hospitals, particularly those in more isolated areas.

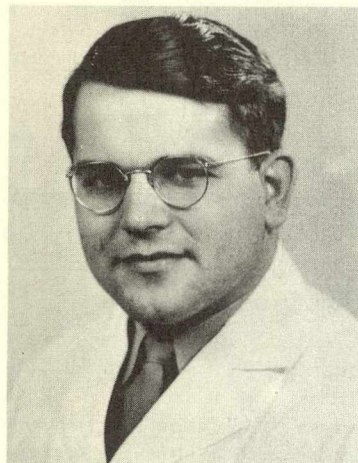
Colonel Thomas J. Cross, Deputy Administrator of Veterans Administration Branch No. 12 (California, Arizona, Nevada and the Hawaiian Islands), praised the program of the new organization.

"Plans of Veterans Hospital Camp Shows call for appearances at 82 Veterans Administration hospitals, 14 Army hospitals and five Navy hospitals," Colonel Cross said.

"This entertainment will be of the highest caliber. The traveling units will appear at the hospitals every three weeks. Such shows do much towards raising the morale of patients."

Medical Department Program for Dental Corps Interns

Last week we published details about the Army's Medical Corps internships. The Medical Department has a similar program for Dental Corps internships, and five dental



WALTER Z. BROWN
1st Lieut. DC-ORC

Born in Portland, Oregon. Pre-dental course at University of Pennsylvania and Stanford University, and graduated from University of Oregon Dental School with Class of 1947. Active duty at Letterman 15 July, 1947.

interns are currently in training at Letterman under this program.

The present dental internship program was at Army hospitals last July. The training is under the direction of the Office of The Surgeon General.

The five dental interns now training here are: First Lieut. Walter Z. Brown, DC-ORC; 1st Lieut. Ronald W. Curnes, DC-ORC; 1st Lieut. Charles J. Glandon, DC-ORC; 1st Lieut. Ernest F. Miller, DC-ORC, and 1st Lieut. Charles H. Williams, DC-ORC.

The Medical Department of the Army offers dental internships to selected graduates of dental schools which are approved by the American Dental Association. A limited number of appointments to these internships will again be made in 1948, effective 1 August. Applications for appointments should be submitted through the Dean of the dental college attended in time to reach the Office of The Surgeon General before 1 March of this year. Successful candidates will be notified not later than 15 April 1948.

Applicants for dental internships must be United States citizens, gra-

duates of approved dental schools (now in their senior year), less than 31 years of age on 1 August 1948, and must meet physical standards for appointment in the Dental Corps of the Regular Army.

Dental internships are now offered at eleven Army general hospitals—Army-Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark.; William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas; Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colo.;



CHARLES J. GLANDON
1st Lieut. DC-ORC

Born in Fargo, North Dakota. Pre-dental course at The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., and graduated from University of Oregon Dental School with Class of 1947. Active duty at Letterman 15 July 1947.

Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.; Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Wash.; Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga.; Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich.; Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J.; Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa.; Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Insofar as the demands of the service permit, consideration will be given to the choice of the appointee in making assignment.

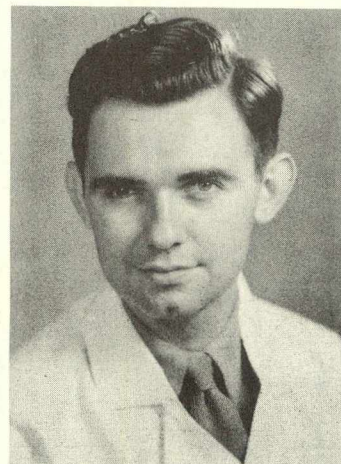
The internship training is of the rotating type, and includes instruction in X-ray and Oral Diagnosis, Operative Dentistry, Oral Surgery, Prosthetics and Periodontia.

The intern spends one month in the X-ray and Oral Diagnosis Section. This period consists of duty in the examination of all patients referred to the dental service, classification and history of dental dis-

eases. Consultation with definitive recommendations based upon oral and X-ray diagnosis are outlined for each type of patient. The intern completes the examination and diagnosis records and review X-ray photographs. He prescribes treatment under supervision of the assigned staff.

Three months are spent in the Operative Dentistry Section. The intern is responsible for completing dental treatment required in the operative correction of dental caries together with the restoration of lost tooth structure, function and esthetics. He is expected to become thoroughly familiar with all aspects of dental care required, and to coordinate unfinished dental treatment with the appropriate section of the dental service after operative dentistry is completed.

Oral Surgery is also a three-

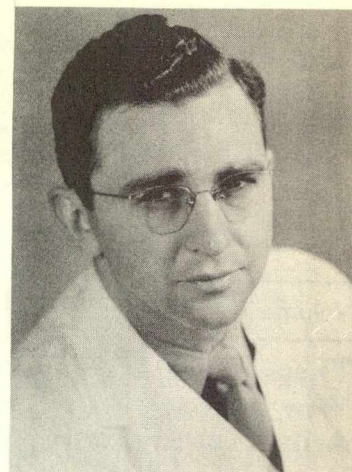


ERNEST F. MILLER
1st Lieut. DC-ORC

Born in Los Angeles, California. Pre-dental course at University of Washington and University of Oregon, graduated from University of Oregon Dental School with Class of 1946. Active duty at Letterman 29 June 1947.

month assignment. The intern reviews pre-operative X-rays with the chief of the section and prescribes preoperative and postoperative care under supervision. He is given thorough instruction in operating room technique, assists in major oral surgery operations, and performs minor ones under supervision.

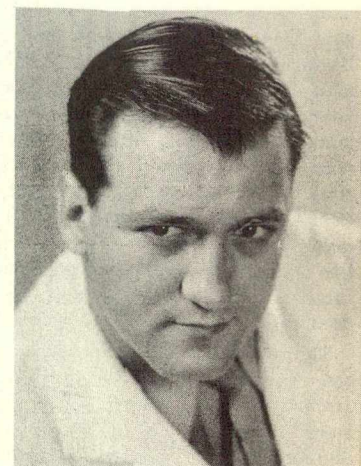
During a one-month assignment to the Periodontia Section the intern is responsible for final periodontal diagnosis and techniques in the treatment of periodontal dis-



RONALD W. CURNES
1st Lieut. DC-ORC

Born in Osceola, Iowa. Pre-dental course at Osceola Junior College, and graduated from University of Iowa Dental School with Class of 1947. Active duty at Letterman 1 July 1947.

eases. His instruction in the various diagnostic methods will include time in the histopathology laboratory. He assists in the surgical treatment of periodontal diseases and performs



CHARLES H. WILLIAMS
1st Lieut. DC-ORC

Born in Chicago, Illinois. Pre-dental course at Northwestern University and graduated from Northwestern University Dental School with Class of 1947. Active duty at Letterman 28 June 1947

under supervision at least one such operation.

Four months are spent in the Prosthetic Dentistry Section, where
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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



GRACIE FIELDS

top British comedienne currently headlining at the Fairmont Hotel, came to Letterman last week and sang and quipped her way through the wards. She got a big hand from her appreciative audience.



HELPING THE MARCH OF DIMES

Patients, WACs, detachment personnel and civilians are all interested in helping polio victims via the March of Dimes. L to R: Donald Artimez, patient on ward E-1; Sgt. Vivian Bloxsom, Sgt. George Adams, Sgt. John Lemanski, Miss June Grumstrup.



LINA ROMAY

took time out last week from her show at the Golden Gate to come to sing for the patients.



KLGH WAS THERE

Letterman's radio station KLGH broadcast a running account of the Sixth Army badminton and table tennis tournament from the LGH gym last week so bed patients could get the details over the Bedside Network. L to R: Station Manager John Miller; engineer Bill Roberts.

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EDITORIAL

TIME TO SPARE

When you spend time you are making an investment, just as you are when you spend money. If you invest it wisely, it will pay dividends; if you invest it foolishly, it is irrevocably lost.

Some people arrange their expenditure of time with admirable forethought, and always seem to have plenty of margin. Others are continually rushed, the things they need to do don't get done, and they live in a state of upheaval.

If you look at the time at your disposal in terms of hours available each week, it works out like this: There are 168 hours in a week. The average person does not work more than 48 hours—most work a 40-hour week. On the basis of 48 hours spent at work and 56 hours spent sleeping, we have a balance of 64 hours. Allot an average of four hours a day—28 hours weekly—to daily routines, such as meals, dressing, time consumed in getting to and from work, and there is still a balance. It amounts to 36 hours each week. This means that you have a fraction over five hours a day which can be regarded as "spare time."

It has been said the difference between our success and failure is determined by our use of time. Naturally this applies to the time spent in work as well as to leisure time. But the investment of leisure time is tremendously important.



Next Monday, 2 February, the Army Nurse Corps will observe an anniversary marking completion of its 47th year. The Corps actually existed before it was specifically authorized by Congress in 1901. Nurses were employed on a contract basis during the Spanish-American War. Personnel of the Corps never numbered more than 200 until 1916 when the Mexican border activity in which the Army was engaged necessitated an increase.

Nurses now are appointed by the Surgeon General from among the registered nurses of the country who are physically qualified, unmarried and between the ages of 22 and 28.

First Lieut. Maeceille Pless, ANC, is enjoying a 14-day leave, and is spending it at her home in Huntsville, Ala.

Two Letterman nurses left this week for overseas duty assignments in the ETO, over which they were very happy. The two are First Lieuts. Nina Newman and Matilda Sabo, and their co-workers wish them a special "bon voyage!"

I&E Exhibit

The Troop Information and Education Division, Special Staff, United States Army, is showing in an exhibit the material utilized to carry out its mission. This exhibit will be on view in the Presidio Post Headquarters, Building 6, Lincoln Blvd. and Graham Street, Presidio of San Francisco, next Tuesday, 3 February, during the hours from 0800 to 1700.

Military and civilian personnel of the command are cordially invited to attend the exhibit.

With five hours a day, a part of the time can be used constructively for self-advancement, and there will still be an abundance left for pastimes and entertaining activities.

Take a look at your daily five hours and see if you are investing them to the best advantage.

WAC

S/Sgt. Corinne Cooper is right at home here at Letterman, though she arrived only recently from Percy Jones. She found several old friends among the duty personnel, as well as three patients she knew at Percy Jones.

Though she sleeps in the WAC barracks, by day S/Sgt. Pat Dever is the one and only feminine member of the 6930 ASU enlisted section. She is on duty in the mess office. She recently returned from overseas duty in Austria, and was briefly at Fort Ord before coming to Letterman. She says her first visit to the orderly room caused a combination of surprise and confusion, but the personnel there are gradually getting accustomed to the idea of a WAC member of the men's detachment.

T/4 Becky Monroy and T/4 Mildred Stech were seen armed with tennis rackets this week, about to take advantage of the current good tennis weather.

There are collections and collections, but S/Sgt. Betty Hess has a special sort—a collection of boxes. She even has boxes within boxes. There is no report as to what they contain, but it might make interesting research.

T/3 Edith Altenburg and S/Sgt. Vi Hocking took advantage of sunny Saturday last week, and enjoyed sun baths on the lawn behind the barracks.

T/Sgt. Lestie Roach says that people keep pronouncing her name as though it were "Roche," but that they needn't be tactful. The name is pronounced just the way it looks—as in archy the cockroach (only please omit that first syllable).

First Sgt. Eileen Venters is enjoying a three-day pass. She may use some of the time to work on the crocheted tablecloth she began recently. She's also an accomplished knitter, having just finished work on a knitted bedspread.

T/4 Rose Ruscak hears enough noises during her eight hours daily in the Information Office, what with a phone at her ear a lot of the time. So at night she sees to it that her ears go completely off duty. She uses earplugs, and they shut out absolutely everything in the way of distracting sounds.

The LGH Girls' Basketball team won their game last week with the Treasure Island WAVES. The score: 40-33.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 1 February, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Handicap

An all-expense prepaid tour to watch the running of the famous \$100,000.00 Santa Anita Handicap next month is the latest evidence of the affection in which Mr. William P. Kyne holds our veteran patients.

Through the co-operation of the San Francisco "Examiner" and the San Francisco "Chronicle" Mr. Kyne is making arrangements for twenty veterans to join the trip to the southland sponsored by both papers. The group will leave San Francisco on the evening of 26 February and return on the morning of 1 March.

The patients will be put up at the Alexandria Hotel in the heart of Los Angeles and enjoy the running of the famous race from a clubhouse box. Other entertainment features are on the program to fill the days and evenings.

Veteran patients interested in making the trip are asked to sign up with the Special Services office. There will be four Letterman veteran patients selected to represent this hospital.

Wedding Bells

At St. Peter's Church in San Francisco this morning former Staff Sergeant Patrick J. Sullivan, long time circulation chief of the FOG-HORN, will be joined in matrimony with Margaret Mary Casey. Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna will officiate at the ceremony and a reception will follow.

The newlyweds will make their home in San Francisco.

Have you given your contribution yet to the March of Dimes?

ON THE SPOT



HAROLD W. LARSEN
Master Sergeant

Master Sergeant Harold W. Larsen, at present assigned to the Physical Therapy, is a veteran of 18 years service and two World Wars. "Swede" as he is commonly known around Letterman, first entered the service by volunteering for the Navy in October 1917. He took his basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station and from there he was assigned to the Hospital Ship, U.S.S. Comfort as a Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class. He made several round trips to France and England from New York City and was in Brest, France at the time of the Armistice.

"Swede" was born in Moorhead, Minnesota, and attended High School there until his World War I Navy enlistment. After his discharge from the Navy, he attended the Palmer Chiropractic School at Davenport, Iowa, graduating in 1924. He practiced in North and South Dakota until August 1931 when he enlisted in the Army.

"Swede" spent six years at the Army-Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and then went to Hawaii, where he served for eight months with the 11th Medical Regiment before purchasing his discharge and coming back to the States. He reenlisted at Letterman in May 1938 and served in various Army hospitals throughout the country until he was transferred to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas in May 1942 as the Sergeant Major of the 103rd Medical Replacement Center Battalion.

"Swede" was commissioned in the Medical Administrative Corps in May 1943 and went overseas in January 1944. He served with the 54th and 71st Replacement Battalions in England and France and came back to the States in September 1945.

After serving as Hospital Detach-

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Royce G. Love of Ward F-1 made himself a nice pair of leather mocasins but they were too small for him. Retired T/Sgt. Archie O'Connor inherited. What's the matter, Love, your feet still growing?

Now that the holidays are really over, Ward F-1 is full and just about running the gamut of ages, the youngest being George W. Casey, Jr., age 8, and the oldest retired Sergeant Edward Burke, age 82. George and Ed are bunking side by side.

Joe Case of Ward D-1 gets plenty of friendly advice from his "Wardmates," especially Chuck Gibson and "Red Rorick" (the red headed plumber). Chuck: "To have the success with TIC (tender loving care) that I have, Joe needs to throw away his cast and quit wearing so many bath robes to the PX." "Red": "Yeh, he also needs to study a good substantial trade like plumbing, only they don't have plumbing where he comes from."

Leon Peerboom of Ward 1 is going back to Canada to try and excavate his automobile which was snowed under during the big blizzard there in November 1947.

As this column goes to press it still does not have to retract the statement regarding the miniature jet racer competition in Ward B-1. The winner and still champion is Henry Molter. Claude Freeman is a new and promising contender, but he is retiring from competition (and the Army) soon.

Cosme Gonzales of Ward 28

ment Commander at Borden General Hospital, Chickasha, Oklahoma, "Swede" again went overseas in May 1946 where he was assigned to the 383rd M P Battalion in Germany. When this unit was inactivated in December 1946 he went to the 97th General Hospital at Frankfurt, Germany as Provost Officer.

"Swede" came back to the States in March 1947 and was separated from the service at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He re-enlisted as a Master Sergeant in May 1947 and asked to be sent to Letterman where he hopes to spend the rest of his Army career.

"Swede" has one son, 27 years old, who is employed by the city of Newport News, Virginia.

wants it know to one and all that he does not wear a girdle in spite of the circumstantial evidence of having one found on his bed.

Frank A. Davis of Ward 31, who is a member of the Air Force, is in danger of being "grounded" by his wardmates. They say that at times Frank flies too close to the ground.

This column promised last week to inform you of the outcome of Ward B-2's quest for "pingpong" glory via their perennial champion, Frank Cornell. Frank is still the champ, having won the singles and being a member of the victorious doubles team in the finals of the Sixth Army Table Tennis Tournament.

Spring is definitely here on Ward D-1. The daffodils are blooming and the ward nurses suggest changing the phonetic alphabet when referring to D-1 from "dog" to "darling." The patients say it is OK by them. Some kid, eh fun?

Sally Craig of O.T. is losing her oldest photography student in Ervin E. Vest of Ward F-1, who is being discharged this week. Ervin first came to the "Photo Lab" as a student in May, 1947.

Dorwin Berrier and Melvin Dinard will be sadly missed from Ward F-2. They received medical discharges on the 28th. Good luck, boys.

Theodore Schmierer of Ward C-1 is coming along fine. Theodore is the Chief Clerk of Letterman's Medical Supply Section.

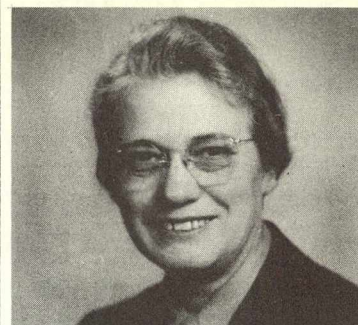
Correction to a paragraph in last week's column: Ray Adams of Ward 28 was married to Miss Lena Quinn and not Miss Lean Brown.

John Rubin of Ward 45 is on a 30-day furlough at his home in Bellingham, Washington. It is John's first furlough since he came to Letterman over 19 months ago.

John B. Smith, James Fischbach and Max Rohwer, all of Ward C-2, are the technicians in charge of simonizing at Letterman Service Station. These "experts" will wax any color, creed or make of automobile. For a nominal fee, of course.

Ernest Wrinkel, "Fog Horn" representative in Ward E-1 was not available for information this week. His wife is in town. That's right, Ernest, business before pleasure.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MYRTLE M. GRAGG
Technical Sergeant

T/Sgt. Myrtle Gragg celebrated an anniversary this week. Five years ago, on 28 January 1943, she joined the Women's Army Corps (then the WAAC), and she has liked being in the WAC so well that she wants to remain in the Corps if the bill is passed which will make it part of the Regular Army.

T/Sgt. Gragg was born in Chandler, Oklahoma, and says she "grew up all over Oklahoma." Her home now is in Claremore. She arrived at Letterman this week after a ten-day delay enroute from her former station. She spent the delay with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Gragg, at their home in Claremore, where the weather was anything but mild. However, Myrtle waited till she arrived in California to contract a cold, and this causes her to regard our famous climate with a touch of disfavor.

Before she joined the WAC, Myrtle lived in Chicago for ten years, during which time she worked for the Corbin Lock Company. After coming into the Army she went to Fort Des Moines for her basic training. She was then assigned to duty at the station hospital at Fort Custer, Michigan. She remained there when that station became Percy Jones General Hospital, and that proved to be her one and only Army assignment until she came to LGH.

She was first in the Registrar's office at Percy Jones, and later was in charge of the Music Room., where patients came both for musical therapy and for entertainment, and T/Sgt. Gragg played records for them from the hospital's collection of classical and semi-classical recordings.

Besides listening to good music in her leisure time, Myrtle enjoys bowling, walking and watching hockey games.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Scoop of the week is the announcement of the engagement of Eulalia Beebee of the Dental Service to Joe Marea of the Brace Shop. Both are long-time Lettermanites. Eulalia is getting lots of admiring comments on her engagement ring from her many friends here. The wedding date is set for shortly after Easter.

Members of the Civilian Personnel staff gave a surprise bridal shower last week for Mary Ivory at her home. Last Sunday Mary became the bride of Al Reinert in a wedding ceremony held at Stanford Chapel in Palo Alto.

Iris Becker was welcomed back to duty this week after a three-week vacation during which she was very much missed.

Three anniversaries were celebrated by members of Civilian Personnel this month. Esther Grabler completed six years at Letterman; Helen Lund five years, and Elizabeth Thomas five years in government service.

"Tiny" Frye of the laundry, who has been enjoying a month's vacation in Salem, Oregon and Seattle, Washington, returned to work this week. She made good use of her time up north by acquiring a whole new wardrobe of "new look" clothes.

Helen Franklin, after being down on the wards for years and years, is once more "up front."

Dorothy Beach, of the Detachment of Patients, is leaving Letterman to take up housewifely duties. Edna Steed will take Dorothy's place in the Detachment of Patients office.

Evelyn Timmons of Dental Service has brightened her office with a miniature menagerie including everything from dogs to giraffes. She made them out of pipe cleaners.

Isabel Cannon of Military Personnel is back on the job after a bout with Virus X.

Rebecca Garcia of the Chaplain's office, who is a patient at St. Francis Hospital following an operation last week, is progressing nicely, and expects to leave the hospital today. However, it will be some weeks before she will be returning to work. Her many friends at the hospital wish her a speedy recovery.

Help the march of infantile paralysis research—give to the March of Dimes.

SHE WANTS TO "SEE ALL THERE IS TO SEE" IN SAN FRANCISCO



Captain PATRICIA F. DOLAN, ANC
Recent addition to Letterman's ANC staff

This year Captain Patricia Dolan, ANC, will complete 12 years of service in the Army, and she has liked it so well that it hasn't seemed nearly that long. She arrived at Letterman this month, and at present is night supervisor. This assignment involves making complete ward rounds twice each night. Getting accustomed to being wide awake at night will stand Captain Dolan in good stead when she carries out her plans to attend the opera and the theatres after she finishes her night duty. She says she is very happy to be stationed in San Francisco because it is some time since she has been near a city where theatrical entertainment was available.

Captain Dolan was born in Waycross, Georgia, but grew up in Illinois and Florida. She received her nurse's training at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Chicago, after which she did private duty nursing for a time. She took a six-month post-graduate course in operating room techniques and supervision at Bellevue Hospital in New York, then in 1936 she joined the Army Nurse Corps.

Her first duty station was at Army-Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where she was

operating room supervisor for four years. Then she crossed the Pacific to Hawaii and was at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu from September 1940 to January 1943. She was spending a week end with friends at Waikiki Beach when the Pearl Harbor attack came. She immediately returned to the hospital, and was on duty in the operating room from early in the morning until early the next morning. She says she spent those first days after the attack literally living in a daze, with so much going on she couldn't stop to think. Shortly after war began, she was sent to Kaneohe, on the other side of the island, where the Army took over a civilian hospital. Captain Dolan was assistant Chief Nurse.

After her return to the States in 1943 she went to Harmon General Hospital in Longview, Texas, as operating room supervisor. Two years later she was transferred to the station hospital Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where again she was in charge of the operating room. She remained at Fort Sill until last December, then, after a 25-day leave which she spent with her mother in Los Angeles, she came to Letterman.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Crissy Annex is now known as the "jungle" of Letterman General. Have you seen the combat medics running around in their camouflage fatigue suits?

Story of the month — "extra!": T/Sgt. Drasher announcing his intention of wearing the "ball and chain." And after all the bragging that he did about being the one confirmed bachelor of the train section!

Major Ford and Lieut. Beadles were seen washing the windows of the Transportation office, with the able assistance of one first sergeant and two tech sergeants. Other offices please note.

Master Sergeant Holmes, recently returned from a delay, is telling some fantastic tales about snow in Alabama.

T/Sgt. Dougherty is back from a delay, only to find that he has been replaced by a WAC. He has now been assigned to Transportation, where his previous bus driving experience may come in handy.

Master Sergeant Lindquist catches it from all sides. Everyone wants to know what the (censored) are we going to do with two pairs of wool long-handled underwear?

Have you ever heard T/Sgt. Passmore singing the blues? He was really singing them loud and long the other morn when someone ran into his pride and joy "the Chevy."

Master Sergeant Latronico has been exhibiting a \$10.50 dress that he casually purchased for his 1-year-old daughter. Kids are an expensive deal, aren't they, Sarge?

First Sergeant Garland, who pushes the yard detail for Crissy Annex, is worrying now about who will police the new NCO Club. It is located in his police area.

T/3 Peyton (James J. to you, son) has returned to operating the dispensary here at Crissy after a five-year absence from this type of work. "What did I ever do to deserve this?" he cries.

Six-year-old Mary woke up about two in the morning.

"Tell me a story, Mama," she pleaded.

"Hush, darling," said the mother. "Daddy will be in soon and tell us both one."

MEDICAL DETACH

Orlin Oxenrider, the Detachment 1st Sergeant is "up and about" again after his recent operation. Glad to see you back, Orlin, but everyone was afraid that you would live all the time.

Pfc. Henry G. Atkinson, CQ of the Carline Area Barracks has that "New Look" these days. The dentist did a good job plugging that chasm in his front molars.

M/Sgt. Jesse Woodward, the Personnel Sergeant Major is back on duty after a short illness.

S/Sgt. Jack Hirsh of Special Services Branch is getting ready to set up housekeeping. Jack's wife and small daughter are due to arrive here today.

Welcome to the 15 Enlisted Men who were transferred to us over the week end from various parts of the country.

According to the boys in Detachment Headquarters the fact that the promotion board is meeting next month has nothing to do with their neatly combed hair and shiny shoes.

T/5 LeRoy Hessler of Educational Reconditioning Branch is back on his old "hunt and peck" grind after a prolonged "vacation" in Ward 30. Welcome back, LeRoy (and how).

Conversation overheard recently in the Hospital Grill: Nurse to M/Sgt. Harold W. "Swede" Larsen of Physical Therapy: "Weren't you with the 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt, Germany?" Larsen: "Sure thing; I thought that I recognized you." Nurse: "Have you been stealing any more jeeps lately?" Larsen: "Good-by, glad to have seen you again!" Be nice to know the background on this conversation.

M/Sgt. John D. Rapach of the Personnel Office is back on duty after a 20-day furlough. John visited his mother who was seriously ill at his home in Buckner, Illinois.

A three-year-old was taught to close her evening prayer while Daddy was away with, "And please watch over my papa." It sounded sweet. But the mother's astonishment may be imagined when the tot added, "And you better keep an eye on mama, too!"

THIS YEAR COLONEL SHIRA CELEBRATES HIS TENTH ANNIVERSARY IN THE ARMY



Lieut. Col. ROBERT B. SHIRA, DC
Chief of Oral Surgery Section at Letterman

With a humorous glint in his eye that he strives unsuccessfully to suppress, Lieut. Col. Robert B. Shira affably but all too briefly gives a capsule version of his life history. That history includes ten years in the Army. Though the interviewer feels a wealth of amusing material is lurking behind the facts as stated, Colonel Shira persists in reticently sticking to unembroidered realism.

He was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, but grew up in Dewey, Oklahoma. He was graduated from the Kansas City Western Dental College, after which he engaged in dental practice at Pawhuska, Oklahoma for the following seven years.

In 1938 Colonel Shira came into the Army, and his first duty station was with the Air Corps, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. He remained there for nearly two years. Then in January of 1940 he was transferred to Gorgas Hospital at Ancon, in the Canal Zone. He was Chief of Oral Surgery at Gorgas, as he is here at

Letterman.

Colonel Shira was at Gorgas Hospital for seven years. As he remarks, "that was an unusually long time for an assignment in the tropics, but during the war it was impossible to get released." However he says he came to like the tropics very much. He came to Letterman last April, and it took him a little time to become accustomed to the Bay Area climate. He is very happy to be at Letterman, and says he hopes to stay here for a long tour of duty.

The colonel's family were with him in the Canal Zone, and his youngest daughter was born there. He and his wife Eileen and their three daughters are now living on the post. The children are Sharon Lu, 10; Mary Ann, 8, and Linda Kay, 6. When he's asked about his leisure time activities, Colonel Shira points out that "when you have three children there isn't much time left for special hobbies or pastimes."

Army Control In Germany to End 1 July

Military government functions in Germany will be turned over by the Army to the State Department on or about 1 July, it was announced this week by the Department of the Army.

Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall's announcement of the change said that "The Department of State desires to use the existing military government organization and to retain the staff intact.

"This personnel is now in large part civilian and will be almost entirely civilian by 1 July. The military duties of occupation will, of course, still be performed by the Army."

MORE ABOUT DENTAL CORPS

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the intern is instructed in the techniques used in various types of prosthetic appliances. He receives experience, under supervision, in the design and laboratory fabrication of all types of full dentures, partial dentures, splints, crowns and bridges.

During internship training appointees are commissioned as first lieutenants in the Organized Reserve Corps, and during the year of active duty they receive the pay and allowances of that grade. At the close of the year they may apply for a Regular Army Dental commission if they so desire, and if they have proved acceptable.

MORE ABOUT TOURNAMENT

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throughout the day until 1630 hours. The events were well attended by patients and duty personnel from Letterman as well as by Presidio personnel. Letterman was "host post" for the tournament which included the Southern Division semi-final championships and the Sixth Army championships. Both events were handled by 1st Lieut. Raimon W. Lehman and Pfc. Fred Lindsey of Letterman Special Services.

Help a polio victim—give to the March of Dimes.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

Let's talk about the United States Armed Forces Institute! For you who want to study while you are in the Army, there are many opportunities. There are four ways to study through USAFI:

1. USAFI Correspondence Courses—in which the student submits lessons periodically. They are corrected at the University of Wisconsin and returned.

2. USAFI Self-Teaching Courses—in which the student studies the book by himself, but submits no lessons.

3. Group Classes—taught on the post by teachers from the San Francisco Board of Education. These include English, History, Civics, Spanish, Typing, and various music courses.

4. University Extension Courses and Off-Post Classes—offered by the University of California, San Francisco City College, and the San Francisco Unified School System.

There is only one enrollment fee of \$2.00 to be paid by students for USAFI Correspondence and Self-Teaching Courses. There is no charge for group classes on the post; and the Army Project 501 Fund pays for three-fourths of cost of University Extension Courses.

About the tests:

There are three types of examinations administered by USAFI without charge.

1. The End of Course test is designed to examine the individual at the completion of a USAFI Correspondence Course, Self-Teaching Course, or a Group Class. Passing the examination means successful termination of the class.

2. The Subject Examination is designed to test the broad knowledge of a student in one field, such as English, Auto Mechanics, or Electricity. Passing this examination may be a requirement for extra credits in high school or advanced work.

3. The General Educational Development Tests are on two levels, high school and college. They are designed to answer the question, "Does the student have the equivalent of a general high school, or first year college, education?" Passing these examinations may qualify the applicant for a high school diploma or fill needed requirements for entering college.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

Secretary of Defense Forrestal, commenting on Armed Forces pay legislation, stated that he has asked his Advisory Committee to proceed as rapidly as is consistent with thoroughness, so that he might have legislation ready for this session of Congress. Referring to President Truman's recent remarks re pay increases in his Budget message, Mr. Forrestal declared that he doubts that the President would "exclude action on military pay if it can be demonstrated as necessary, fair and just." *Excerpts of Mr. Truman's message dealing with Service pay:*

"I am not recommending at this time cost-of-living increases for military and civilian Government employees. . . . The rapid increase in living costs during the last 18 months has placed a serious burden on these groups. Yet, to offset the cost-of-living increase since the last time pay or benefit rates were advanced for each group would add at least \$2,400,000,000 to the budget expenditures in 1949. This large expenditure would add greatly to the inflationary pressures in our economy." * * *

Parcel post packages may soon be sent overseas via air. The Post Office is now working on international agreements authorizing "air parcel post" to these countries: England, Ireland, Newfoundland, Iceland, all European countries, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, India, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, South Africa, and The Azores. * * *

The total Army and Air Force commissioned strength is expected to remain 10,000 short of the authorized 50,000 officers for at least the next five years. Present strength is approximately 40,000 officers, including 21,000 Army officers, 18,000 Air Force officers, and about 1,000 Women's Specialist Corps officers. * * *

Universal Military Training sponsors have been warned of stiff opposition unless they "guarantee to protect" trainees from

Department of the Army Circulars No. 67 of 1947 and No. 3 of 1948 state "All military personnel on active duty who pass all five high school level tests . . . will be considered high school graduates for the purpose of qualifying under any War Department or Department of the Army regulation or directive requiring a high school diploma." This pertains also to those successfully completing the college tests. The Department of the Army will

"exploitation by the alcoholic beverage traffic." National temperance and prohibition groups, claiming a membership of 12,000,000, have gone on record as resolved to "oppose to the limit" any training measure that lacks anti-alcohol guarantees. * * *

Unofficial sources report that the Navy was not overly pleased with the report of the President's Air Policy Commission which went along with U.S. Air Force proposals for increased peacetime strength but claimed that the Navy Air Arm was big enough and needed only modernizing. Another point of purported dissent was the Commission's evaluation of the Navy air role in national defense. The same unofficial sources claim that the Navy will make its views known to Secretary Forrestal shortly. * * *

A new Army Circular directs immediate inauguration of a Food Service Program designed to improve food service and insure food conservation. New military occupational specialties (MOS) with attendant ranks are authorized for food service enlisted personnel in the Army's attempt to ladle out good chow. The Army's realistic approach to the messing of men properly is pointed up by the Circular's first paragraph which states:

"High morale among troops is one of the greatest factors necessary in order to win battles. It is equally important to maintain morale in the peacetime Army in order to accomplish the present United States Army mission and be ready for any unforeseen emergency which might arise. As an aid to commanders in attaining and maintaining this high state of morale, the food procured must be prepared and served in a palatable and appetizing form and in such a manner that the nutritive value is retained."

During the Civil War, aluminum was considered a valuable metal.

allow "constructive credit equivalent to the first year only of a standard college course."

About accreditation:

USAFI Form No. 47 is the key to accreditation for military personnel. It must be emphasized that USAFI cannot grant credit. This is up to the individual school.

If you have further questions, or need information, visit Educational Reconditioning Office in Building 1039 or call extension 4403.

Medical Library Exhibit Honors Major Letterman

Major Jonathan Letterman, the Army Surgeon in whose honor Letterman General Hospital was named, is currently the subject of an exhibit at the Army Medical Library in Washington. The exhibit is the second in the series "Famous Men of Army Medicine."

Letterman is known as the medical officer who revolutionized the care of the wounded. During the Civil War, while he was medical director of the Army of the Potomac, his three-way plan, which included the ambulance corps, the method of supply and the field hospital system, became the model for armies throughout the world. It remained the basis for military medical care throughout World War II.

Among the items included in the Medical Library exhibit are Letterman's book "Medical Recollections of the Army of the Potomac," published in 1866, and charts showing the modern adaptations of his plan on D-Day and VE-Day, "Evacuation in the European Theater of Operation."

To Survey Medical Services for Unification

(AFPS) Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal has given the "go-ahead" sign to a four-man committee set up to make a survey of Services' medical departments for the purpose of co-ordinating their activities under unification.

The Committee, headed by Gen. Paul R. Hawley (Ret.), former medical director of the Veterans Administration, will begin immediately to consider such problems as the following:

Joint use of hospitals in specific geographical areas by the three armed services.

Co-ordination of construction plans for new hospitals to avoid duplication.

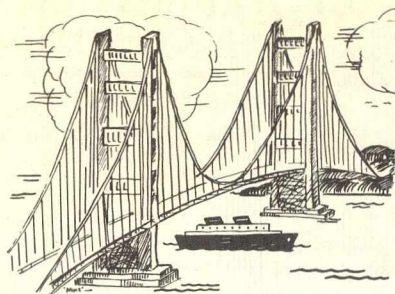
Reducing overhead by combining the medical activities of the three services.

Co-ordination and consolidation of medical research problems.

Which brings us to the young man who cried, "Drinking makes you beautiful."

"But I haven't been drinking," she cooed back.

"No—but I have!"



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Paralegic Vets Are Trained on Obstacle Course

(AFPS) — Independence Hall at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., is the university for paraplegic veterans, men paralyzed in the lower half of their bodies. And it is a single course institution. That "course" is an obstacle course—not one with fences and ropes, pits and embankments, barbed - wire and smoke—but an obstacle course none-the-less. It is just as difficult to manage for the paraplegic veterans as the other, all-too-familiar one was to the same men when they were stripping rookies.

This course at Kennedy General Hospital is much more realistic to the men maneuvering through its intricacies than the other ever was. Now they are not training for some distant day when they may be crawling and slithering in the heat of combat. They are preparing for the battle of today and tomorrow. For the obstacles at Kennedy are the supposedly little ones which are encountered in the humdrum of everyday living.

The students at Independence Hall are at the university level. They have already mastered the "grammar school" principles. When they come to this higher degree of training they have already progressed through the first stages of their rehabilitative training. They can get in and out of bed unaided. They put on their shoes and socks, walk on braces and crutches. They have already gone far on the road toward success. Independence Hall offers post-graduate work.

Here the veteran is confronted with all the motions of everyday life. He learns to walk across polished floor surfaces and sandy ground. He works his way up and down stairs and ramps. He learns the hang of getting on busses and

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Major General LUTHER D. MILLER
Army Chief of Chaplains

ARMY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS DUE HERE

Major General Luther D. Miller, the Army Chief of Chaplains, will be a Bay area visitor on Wednesday and Thursday of next week and is expected to pay a call at Letterman while in this vicinity.

Chaplain Miller will confer with General Clark, Commanding General of the 6th Army, soon after his arrival and will meet with the chaplains of the San Francisco Bay area

at luncheon at the Presidio Officers' Club. He will also participate in the services attendant on the arrival of the second group of war dead from the Pacific areas to be held at the Oakland Army Base on Thursday morning.

The present tour of Chaplain Miller includes a visit to Los Angeles before coming to San Francisco, and a later stop-over at Fort Lewis will complete his West Coast itinerary.

Six ANC Members Arrive Here for Six-Month Course

Six members of the Army Nurse Corps arrived at Letterman this week to begin a six-month course of training in operating room technique and management. They have been assigned to the Letterman student detachment.

The program of instruction for the course, which is under the direction of Captain Edith Shutt, ANC, will include lectures by Medical Corps officers of the Letterman staff, and practical experience both in the operating room and in the various clinics.

Included among the subjects to be covered during the six-month period are: Management of operating room; maintenance, operation and sterilization of equipment; standardization of duties and precautions; preparation of patient for operation; nursing aspects of anesthesia; special field of surgery; surgery in combat areas.

Each of the six nurses who are here for the course has been in the Army Nurse Corps since before Pearl Harbor, and all have had overseas duty.

Captain Edith Graham, who has been at Hamilton Field for the past two years, has been an Army nurse since November 1940. She served overseas in the China-Burma-India theatre. Captain Graham is from Evansville, Indiana.

Captain Nora C. Haselmire is from Union City, Indiana, and has been in the Army since March 1941. She came to Letterman from Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colo. Her overseas duty included service in Iceland, Manila, Leyte and Japan.

Captain S. Margaret Kowaleski,
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Open House Festivities at New Letterman NCO Club

Letterman's new NCO Club held open house last Saturday evening to mark the opening of the club, and a capacity crowd was present for the occasion. Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, presented the key of the clubhouse to the officers and members of the club's board of governors.



WILLUS W. CRUMP
First Sergeant
President, NCO Club

Already the membership list of the club is well on the way to 400. The club is housed in the former Crissy Area post exchange, and has been drawing record crowds daily since the opening.

The comfortable and spacious quarters of the club include a lounge, a card room, and a snack bar. At present, beer, sandwiches and soft drinks are served at the snack bar, but other items will be added to the menu in the near future, such as soup, chili and steaks. Meanwhile the snack bar is already famous as the spot to get 10-cent hamburgers and 10-cent beer, also 5-cent coffee.

Club dues are 75 cents monthly, with \$1.50 initiation fee. These monthly dues are payable by the 15th of each month, and a member whose dues are in arrears for 60 days will automatically be dropped from the club rolls. Then if he wishes to become a member again, he must pay the initiation fee and current monthly dues.

The club is under the jurisdiction of a board of governors consisting of eight members with one repre-

sentative from each duty section. The club officers are appointed from the board of governors.

President of the club is First Sergeant Willus W. Crump, acting first sergeant of the detachment; vice-president, Master Sergeant Otto Stewart of the Dental Service; secretary-treasurer, Master Sergeant Leland L. Lee of Military Personnel. The other members of the Board of Governors are: Master Sgt. James N. Malone, Master Sergeant Lewis Stein, Master Sergeant George Washburn, S/Sgt. Viola Hocking, S/Sgt. Walter W. Crapo,



OTTO STEWART
Master Sergeant
Vice-President, NCO Club

All non-commissioned officers on duty at Letterman are eligible for active membership in the club. Retired non-commissioned officers who reside in the vicinity of the Presidio are eligible for associate membership. Letterman's commanding officer is an honorary member and is President ex-officio. Other honorary memberships may be conferred upon individuals when they leave Letterman, if the Board of Governors so resolves.

Plans are under way for the club to hold monthly dances, to which the only admission will be by membership card. It is also intended to hold weekly Bingo games, with both cash and merchandise prizes.

The club is open to the families of members, upon proper identification, and members may bring guests to the club. However, any guest

who is eligible for membership will not be admitted as a guest.

A regular meeting of the club will be held next Tuesday, 8 February, at 8 p. m., and at that time an entertainment committee will be appointed.

Lemuel Williams, well known long time Lettermanite, is the steward



LELAND L. LEE
Master Sergeant
Secretary-Treasurer, NCO Club

of the new club, in charge of supervision of personnel, presentation of membership cards, and designated to provide games for the members.

Term of office for all officers except the secretary and treasurer of the club have been set for a period not to exceed one year. Although no officer may serve for two consecutive years, he may be re-elected after a one-year interval.

The president exercises general supervision over the management of the club, and the vice-president assists him, and presides over meetings in his absence. The secretary-treasurer is in executive control of the club, responsible for club management, the performance of duty of assistants and employees, and the custodian of club property and funds.

The club is open at present at the following hours: Monday through Friday—Snack Bar—1100 to 1400; 1600 to 2200. Bar—1600 to 2230.

Saturday—Snack Bar—1000 to 1400; 1600 to 2200. Bar—1200 to 2300.

Sundays and Holidays—Snack

MORE ABOUT PARAPLEGIC

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in and out of automobiles while using his crutches and cumbersome braces. He snags a high stool in a model drugstore. He edges sideways in cramped rows of theater seats. He masters the art of swinging through revolving doors, and how to handle all kinds of door knobs and latches—all the little things that we do unconsciously. But to the paraplegic each step is a major accomplishment.

There is a considerable amount of exercising involved in the training at Independence Hall. The men must learn to support their bodies with the strong upper portion.

Finally they get to the home itself. They maneuver over thick carpets and throw-rugs. They get up and down from upholstered chairs and sofas. Tables, writing desks, closets are part of the paraphernalia. When the paraplegic has finished his course at Independence Hall, he is ready to stand on his own and carve his niche in society.

The training is invaluable to the men. They not only learn how to do things; they find that they can do things. They emerge from the training determined to make themselves useful and inspired to even greater progress.

Several have taken up flying and hold licenses. Others are branching out into trades and are holding their own with unhandicapped men. Meeting each obstacle squarely, surmounting each in turn, they see the road leading from Independence Hall to real independence.

"I am a woman of few words," said the haughty mistress to a new maid. "If I beckon with my finger I mean 'come'."

"I am a woman of few words, too," replied the maid. "If a shake my head I mean 'I ain't coming'."

He: "Do you think I'm conceited?"

She: "No. Why do you ask?"

He: "Well, men as good looking as I am usually are."

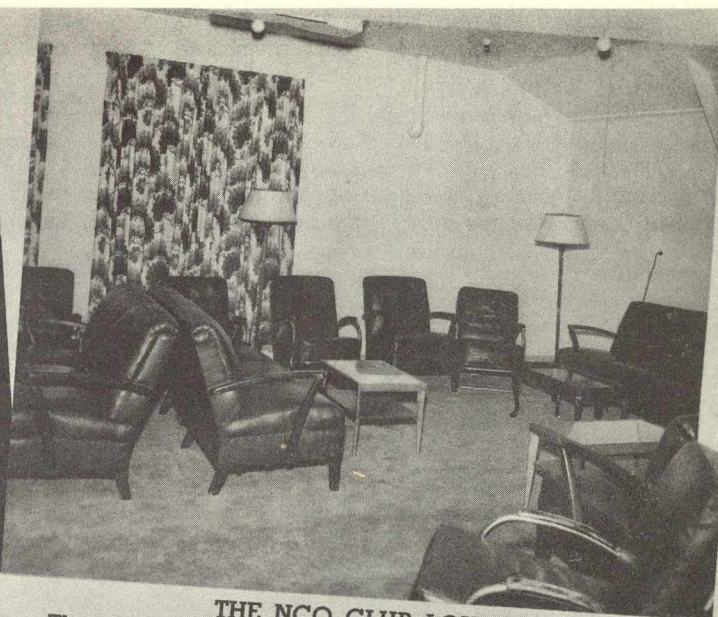
Bar—0900 to 1400; 1700 to 2200. Bar—1200 to 2230.

All Letterman NCOs are urged to drop in at the club, get acquainted with what it has to offer, and—of course—get a membership.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



OPENING NIGHT AT LETTERMAN NCO CLUB
Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, presents the key to the new NCO Club to the club officers and members of the board of governors. L to R: Colonel Winn, M-Sgt. James N. Malone, 1-Sgt. Willus W. Crump, S-Sgt. Viola Hocking, M-Sgt. Otto Stewart, M-Sgt. Leland L. Lee.



THE NCO CLUB LOUNGE
The comfortable and attractive lounge at the new Letterman NCO Club. The party that marked the formal opening of the club was held last Saturday, with a big crowd in attendance.



SNACK BAR AT THE NCO CLUB
Where the appreciative members gather to enjoy 10c hamburgers and 10c beer. The club is open at 11 a. m. Monday through Friday; at 10 a. m. on Saturday and at 9 a. m. on Sunday.



SIX JOIN ANC STUDENT DETACHMENT
Captain Edith Shutt, ANC, greets the six nurses who arrived at LGH this week to begin a six-month course in operating room technique and management. L to R: Capt. S. Margaret Kowaleski, 1st Lieut. Margaret E. Tollefson, 1st Lieut. Mary P. Toudouze, 1st Lieut. Kathryn C. Stuwe, Capt. Nora C. Haselmire, Capt. Edith A. Graham.

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EDITORIAL

CASH FOR IDEAS

"Think and Win" is the new slogan of the Suggestion Committee which reminds both civilian and military personnel to submit job suggestions for improving work performance.

It is pointed out by the committee that all duty personnel are eligible to receive awards for worthy suggestions. Civilian employees are eligible for cash awards ranging from \$5 to \$250. Military personnel are eligible for furlough and promotion awards.

To the query "What is a worthy suggestion?" the committee lists the following: It is any idea that will get work done faster; any idea that will get it done better; any idea that will effect consolidation of manpower; any idea that will save money, or any idea that adds a safety feature to the work.

The individual who brings to his work the kind of enthusiasm that leads to development of new ideas not only makes his job more interesting but also makes himself a more valuable employee.

Just because you are accustomed to the routine of your work, do not let yourself take it for granted that your job is being done in the most efficient manner. Try to look at the work objectively and ask yourself what short cuts you can adopt to speed up the task, what forms can be consolidated to simplify detail.

When you have worked out



Major Frances Henchey, ANC, is enjoying a month's leave in Florida.

Eight newcomers have recently been welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps staff. First Lieut. Anna Rose, who has been a patient at LGH for some time, is now on duty here. Two of the new arrivals have returned to the Army from civilian life—First Lieuts. Sarah M. Lewis and Corinne Snaadt. The other five have recently returned from overseas duty. They are First Lieuts. Lucille Orcutt, Clara Wilson, Elizabeth Zettel, Olive Schubert and Fern Manna.

First Lieut. Margaret Bohn of the dietitians staff and First Lieut. Ruth Wall of Physical Therapy went to the dog show and waited, hopefully clutching their tickets, to win one of the puppies that were being given away. But it looks as though they'll have to get their pups from friends or pet shops—it was no go at the dog show.

First Lieut. Naomi Meilicke of the dietitians staff, who has had her furlough in a cast since 12 January, had to go home to Moorhead, Minn., this week on emergency leave because of the illness of her father.

First Lieut. Julie V. Skellchock of the dietitians staff has returned from Brooke Army Medical Center, where she completed the course in mess administration.

Captain Velma Richardson, chief dietitian, left Friday for Los Angeles on a brief leave. Her mother, who has been here visiting her, will accompany her to Los Angeles, where they will visit their cousin.

Work is the true elixir of life. The busiest man is the happiest man. Excellence in any art or profession is attained only by hard and persistent work. Never believe that you are perfect. When a man imagines, even after years of striving, that he has attained perfection, his decline begins.—Sir Theodore Martin.

an idea for more efficient on-the-job performance, submit it to the Suggestion Committee. It may win an award for you.

WAC

Welcome back to T/3 Frances Jenkins, who returned to duty in Educational Reconditioning this week after more than a month's absence. While she was away she attended the USAFI Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, visited her parents in Racine, and spent the holidays with her sister in Hannibal, Missouri. Everything was fine except the weather, Frances reports. She got snowed in everywhere except at Madison, and she's willing to be quoted to the effect that "it's great to be back in California!"

T/4 Carolyn Fix, T/4 Sue Burnett and S/Sgt. Catherine Mack all visited the dog show last week in the hope of winning one of the puppies that were to be given away. No luck, but they enjoyed the show, and saw the movie dog star, Lassie, make a personal appearance.

Lola Mae Harvey, formerly of the WAC detachment here, dropped in the other day to see her old friends. She is now happily married and living in Palo Alto.

T/3 Ella Dodson, recently arrived at Letterman, likes the view of the Bay from her barracks window so well that she resents the big tree which obstructs that view. She's even been heard to say she'd like to have the tree chopped down. Paging Paul Bunyan!

The supply of baby-sitters usually available at the WAC barracks was absolutely non-existent last Saturday night. Reason: Everyone was at the new Letterman NCO Club open house party.

T/5 Stella Goodman's favorite cartoon of the moment is the "Animal Crackers" quip about the two pigs coming out of the doctor's office. One says to the other "The doc says I'll be a cured ham in a couple of weeks. Is that good?"

Cpl. Lucy Sellers, T/5 Sheila Daugherty and S/Sgt. Sylvia Winer are all on furlough, and all Oregon bound, though to different destinations.

Her friends in the barracks are missing Cpl. Helen Brown, who is at present a patient.

T/4 Henrietta Callari put her time to good use when she was CQ the other night. She spent it studying up for the forthcoming examinations for promotion.

Pfc. Emma Ghormley recently

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 8 February, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Mass daily during Lent at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

"Possibilities Of Peace Not Nearly Exhausted"

(AFPS)—Decalring that "an enduring peace can be nothing less than an accord which places human welfare before even national sovereignty," General Omar Bradley, in a recent New York speech, rejected the idea that a new war is inevitable.

The General asserted that "at this time, when nations of Western Europe look to us for help in regaining their strength and confidence necessary for restoration of their social, economic and political stability, we court disaster if we respond with too little or too late.

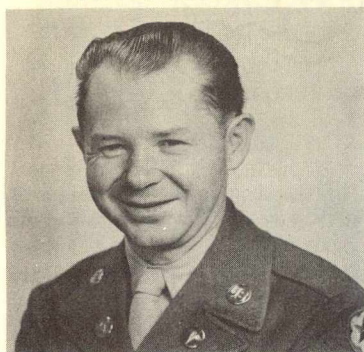
"And it cannot be assured until governments reflect the good will of their people and until their people show honest respect for the human rights of each other.

"However, I do not agree with those who say that because such a world seems difficult to attain we might better drop the pretense of peace-making and accept the inevitability of war. For while we must realistically concede that progress is due to be slow, we have not as yet begun to exhaust the possibilities of success."

Great men suffer hours of depression through introspection and self-doubt. That is why they are great. That is why you will find modesty and humility the characteristics of such men.—Bruce Barton.

took over new duties in the Dietetics Branch, and says she likes her job very much.

ON THE SPOT



CARTER L. SMITH
Technical Sergeant

T/Sgt. Carter L. Smith came back to Letterman last month, making it his third tour of duty here during his 18 years in the Army. Half of those 18 years have been spent overseas, and Sgt. Smith says he's been enough places now, he'd "like to stay put for a while."

He was born in Oklahoma City, Okla., but his home has been in California since 1924. He went into the Army in February 1930, right after leaving school, and after induction at Fort MacArthur, was sent to the Philippines, where he spent the next two and one-half years at Sternberg General Hospital. Then came his first tour of duty at LGH. He was here for two years, until he went to Hawaii in 1934. After two years at Schofield Barracks, he again returned to Letterman, which he calls the "best spot on the West Coast." He was at LGH until 1939 that time.

Then came three and a half years in Alaska. He arrived at Fort Richardson when construction first started, and he served there under Colonel Luther R. Moore, now of Letterman.

In 1944 Sgt. Smith returned to the States and was at Camp Ellis, Illinois for a year. He was then sent to Percy Jones Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan. He may or may not be the man who inspired the song "I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo," but whether he inspired it or not, he's certainly entitled to sing it, because he does have a gal in Kalamazoo, and she is Christle, his wife. The Smiths have their own home in Kalamazoo, too, and when Sgt. Smith's present enlistment is up next Fall, he plans to go back there. However, he intends to stay in the Army and make it 20 years at least, if not more.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Sixteen cups of coffee were consumed in the PX the other morning by Joe Case, Bob Rooney, Andy Kirkman, Jack Brown and Albert Kessler as they tried to decide which of the 48 states is the best one to settle down in.

A note for all recruits is this: Edward Harris of Ward N-2 was first inducted into the Army in May of '98. He "fit" in the Spanish-American War. In spite of his 76 years, Ed is in exceptionally good shape.

The Fog Horn correspondent on Ward E-1 has deserted his post and taken up duties as a bed-pan gondolier. That's Ernest Rangel we are speaking of.

The nurses on Ward D-1 were presented with a beautiful bouquet of daffodils by Harold Cashmere before he was transferred to Ward 42. He must have been getting some of that TLC that the fellows on D-2 have been groaning about.

Five-year-old Johnnie Spann of Ward C-2 is fast becoming the "Ward pet." The Nurses like his big brown eyes and several of the patients like his electric train.

Out of three years spent in the Army, Harold Bettinger, Ward N-2, was in the States for only three months. He was inducted at his home in Kodiak, Alaska and served his "hitch" there and in the Aleutians. He came to the States to be discharged at Bushnell General Hospital.

James Hubert and John Indergrand are vying for the chess championship of Ward B-2. So far the boys are running about "neck and neck." They are willing to take on all comers and will even let you use their new Florentine design chess men. Florentine means fancy, I guess.

Women, women, women. When Loren Parmlee of Ward E-2 doesn't have one visiting him he is talking to one over the phone. For a man in traction Parmlee does alright.

Model airplane building is strictly for the birds as far as Othel Hayes of Ward 28 is concerned. He spent days making a beautiful flying model only to smash it to pieces on its maiden flight. Such is life.

That low lying fog that is continually present on Ward D-2 is caused by those pipe smoking men Roland "Plumber Red" Rorick and Charles Gibson. They should start

charging for their fumigating.

Lin Chapin the man with the silver tongue (synonym for smooth line) is spending so much time in his "sack" on ward 26 that people are beginning to talk. He did wake up long enough the other day to inform Milt Wellons that he looked like the devil and should shave before chow.

Another addict to the comic book is Edward Mansen on Ward N-2. Eddie is sweating out the next issue of the "Bat Man." The "Bat Man" is really in a pickle this time and Eddie can't quite see how he'll get out of it.

Irvin Hart of Ward D-2 is weaving a set of rugs for his home. Irvin spends several hours a day at the functional O. T. Shop. His wife is his chief helper.

Another championship tournament on Ward B-2 is being held by Charles Okimoto and Gerald "Moose" Walmer. They are battling it out over a "ping pong" table.

MORE ABOUT
ANC MEMBERS

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who has been an Army nurse since March 1941, is from Gaylord, Michigan. She served overseas in Africa and Italy and has been at McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena for the past two years.

First Lieut. Kathryn C. Stowe is from Chicago. She has been in the Army Nurse Corps since April 1940. Her overseas service was in Puerto Rico and in Iran. For the past year she has been at McCornack.

First Lieut. Margaret E. Tollefson came to LGH after more than a year at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash. Lieut. Tollefson, who is from Gorham, Maine, has been in the Army since December 1939. During the war she served in Panama, in Germany and on a hospital ship.

First Lieut. Mary P. Toudouze is from San Antonio, Texas, and has been in the Army since July 1941. She came here from the Fifth Army Station Hospital at Camp Carson, Colo. Her overseas duty in the ETO included service in Iceland, England, France and Germany.

WAC OF THE WEEK



PAT DEVER
Staff Sergeant

S/Sgt. Pat Dever reports that she has "lived, traveled or worked" in 47 of the 48 states. The only one she hasn't been in is Oregon, so it shouldn't be long now, since she's as close to it as she'll ever get without actually tripping on the border. However, since Pat has been to Vienna (her last duty station before coming to LGH), the U.S.A. takes second place in her affections—she considers Vienna "as close to paradise as I'll ever get," and she wants to write a book about her experiences there, to be titled "Through Fairyland by Jeep."

While in Vienna Pat learned German—really learned to speak it fluently, so that now she sometimes finds herself doing her thinking in German instead of English, she says.

Before she joined the WAC in February 1943, Pat directed and produced community shows for organizations such as the American Legion. Her Army life began with basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, after which she was sent to radio school at Kansas City. After she became a radio operator she was an instructor at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and at Bocaraton, Florida.

She went to Vienna in June 1946, and was there until last November. Among the possessions she acquired while overseas are an antique satin-lined tortoise-shell jewel box which is also a music box that plays several tunes, a 100-year-old cuckoo clock, and a handsome diamond and emerald ring set in platinum.

Here at LGH Pat is assigned to the Dietetics Department. She has begun two courses at U. C. Extension Division—Radio Speech and Spanish, and is also looking forward to going to the theatre and opera as much as possible.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Lillian Taylor of the Registrar's Office, who had been fighting the flue for nearly two weeks, was welcomed back to her desk this week, and is again her usual cheerful self.

Irma Morgan of the Laboratory Service got a happy surprise this week when her sister, who is leaving shortly for Guam, gave her her new baby grand piano. It was an especially welcome gift, since Irma has studied piano for 15 years.

Jane Dandridge and Kay Woo, both of the Laboratory, were on sick leave this week.

Helen Hoffman of Convalescent Services, who is one of the five members of what might be called the Rotating Luncheon Club, had a problem when her office was moved this week over to the East Hospital Service Club. The problem: Would Helen come to the main hospital to eat with the group, or would the group come to the East Hospital? Helen and the East Hospital won out without the sign of a struggle. And if you're wondering about the "rotating," it isn't the lunch that rotates, but the hostesses. They take turns being responsible for the lunch one day each week.

Caroline Brophy, who was formerly at Letterman in the Separation Office, joined the civilian ranks here again this week, and is now in the Control Office. During the year she was away Caroline made two trips to South America, and almost became addicted to the tropics. She came back with a store of interesting stories of her experiences, and with pictures to back up the stories.

Mrs. May Claus of Dietetic Branch returned this week from a month's leave which she spent in Texas and Oklahoma. She visited her brother in Houston, and also spent some time in Dallas and in Oklahoma City. She says she enjoyed every minute of her trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burrows (Mrs. Burrows is Betty Burrows, formerly of Military Personnel here) are the parents of twin girls, Nancy and Patricia, born this week at French Hospital in San Francisco. The Burrows' also have two sons, aged 8 and 3.

Hubby: "Darling, what's wrong? Why the bandage on your eye?"

Wifey: "Don't be funny. This is my new hat."

LETTERMAN "OLD TIMER" COMES HOME IN THE PERSON OF MAJOR STEPPAN



Major MARY M. STEPPAN, ANC.,
Newly arrived assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse

The lure of Letterman has brought back another old timer in point of service but still youthful in years—and we welcome Major Mary M. Steppan home to the station where she began her military career ten years ago.

Major Steppan is a native of St. Louis but moved out to California in time to get all her schooling in the Golden State. The family selected Sacramento to settle and the major went through grade school and graduated from the Sacramento High School before taking up her professional training at the Sacramento Hospital. By this time she was thoroughly imbued with the spirit of California and pursued her post-graduate work in surgery at Highland Hospital and Fabiola Hospital in Oakland.

In 1938 Major Steppan was appointed second lieutenant, Army Nurse Corps, and came to Letterman for her first station. A year later she was assigned to headquarters of the Ninth Service Command at Fort Douglas and designated as assistant to the supervising nurse for the command. Her new position

brought promotion to first lieutenant. Then followed periods of duty at Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek and the Fort Custer Hospital. She became a captain in 1943.

In July 1944 when the train units were organized Major Steppan came back here to head the nurses section of the hospital train unit located at Crissy Annex. She organized her section into a very smoothly working unit and despite the arduous work entailed in riding trains across the continent the members on her staff met and solved problems of all kinds in the days work. A high standard of morale prevailed at all times in her department and she is still held in genuine affection by those who served under her in the trying days of the war years. In March 1945 she attained her present rank.

In January 1946 Major Steppan went overseas to Manila as the Principal Chief Nurse for the 31st General Hospital, and later became the Chief Nurse for Base X, then to the same position with the Philippine Base Command, and on to Head-



To Captain and Mrs. Joseph E. Bigley, a boy, **Patrick Michael**, born 18 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Walter Reed Herbst, a boy, **Reed Allen**, born 19 January.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Clarence L. Jentes, a girl, **Catherine Mae**, born 20 January.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Elmer O. Butler, a girl, **Margaret Helene**, born 20 January.

To Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Arnold A. Berglund, a girl, **Janet Clara**, born 21 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Willard L. Ferguson, a girl, **Joyce Ellen**, born 21 January.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Lloyd E. St. Clair, a boy, **Gerry Lloyd**, born 22 January.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Alfred F. Baker, a girl, **Barbara Jean**, born 23 January.

To Capt. and Mrs. Randal D. Morris, a girl, **Sandra Pauline**, born 24 January.

To Chaplain (Captain) and Mrs. Arthur J. Estes, a girl, **Patricia Suzanne**, born 25 January.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Harry James Dellett, Jr., a boy, **Harry James III**, born 26 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Frederick A. Ponting, a boy, **Stephen Frederick**, born 26 January.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert S. Brown, a girl, **Linda Jean**, born 27 January.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Long, a girl, **Karen Marie**, born 27 January.

To Pfc. and Mrs. George Thomas Weather, a girl, **Betty Jean**, born 28 January.

To Captain and Mrs. Edward L. McCoy, a girl, **Carol Elaine**, born 28 January.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. John Cotten, a boy, **Dennis Kent**, born 29 January.

quarters Philrycom. She was subsequently transferred to the 49th General Hospital in Tokyo where she remained until her return to the mainland in December last.

Major Steppan reports to Letterman for duty today and will be assigned as assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse.

And wait until you see her in that red dress.

MEDICAL DETACH

T/Sgt. Herbert E. Newton of the Hospital Inspector's office claims to be a 300 bowler. This column claims to be from Missouri—show me!

M/Sgt. Leland Lee of Officer's Personnel is busier than a one-armed paper hanger these days, what with all the NCO Club business in addition to and etc.

Corporal Jack "Romeo" Cratty is back on duty after a 20-day furlough. He was up to his old tricks again immediately after reporting in.

Pfc. Gerald McConnell of the Information Office is passing out cigars these days. His dog gave birth recently to a litter of pups.

T/Sgt. Harry D. Melvin of the G. U. Clinic is an honest man. He doesn't drink ward coffee, but buys it at the PX and carries it down.

Morale has been increased considerably lately among the first three grades. However, it couldn't be the recent move to Barracks 213X (next to the WAC area).

T/4 Joe Wargo of the detachment First Sergeant's Office claims that it was the brand of cigars he smokes that made him "indisposed" on the NCO Club opening night.

M/Sgt. Harold W. Larsen of Physical Therapy is "mobile" agin. "Swede" has troubles at times by running piston rods through motor blocks.

It will be wedding bells soon for Sergeant Dorothy Gustafson and T/5 Okey Coleman, both of Messing Center.

M/Sgt. John A. Harrel of D-1 Dressing Room reached over to turn on his radio the other night and all he found was a clean spot on the table where it had been sitting. After due consideration John now locks up his shoes and alarm clock. It is rumored that a few years ago, John found his footlocker in pieces outside his barracks. Looked like an axe job.

"I have been informed that the rank of corporal is being abolished," said a feminine voice on the phone, "can you tell me if this is true?"

"Madam," said the veteran private on the other end of the line, "it never existed as far as I am concerned."

SO FAR HE HAS BUILT 25 ENGINES AND CARS FOR HIS MODEL RAILROAD



First Lieut. KNUTE TOFTE-NIELSEN, MSC
Provost Marshal at Letterman

First Lieut. Knute Tofte-Nielsen, who was assistant Provost Marshal for a brief period when he first came to Letterman in 1946 was appointed Provost Marshal last December. During the intervening year he served as administrative officer for the Physical Medicine Service.

Lieut. Nielsen was born in Holbaek, Denmark. He came to the United States in 1928, and went to school in Philadelphia. Before he entered the Army he was in the hotel business for eight years, and worked, as he puts it, pretty much all over the country, including Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, Boise, Idaho; Trenton, N. J., and finally with the Hotel Windermere chain in Chicago.

In 1943 he was inducted into the Army in Chicago, and went to Camp Grant at Rockford, Illinois, for basic training. This was followed by a three-month course of training in civil affairs at the University of Illinois and an advanced course on the same subject at the University of Wisconsin. He was then assigned to duty with the 76th Division at Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wisconsin.

In August 1944 he went to OCS

at Camp Barkley, Texas, and after receiving his commission was sent to headquarters of the Seventh Service Command. He spent three months at Fort Lewis, Washington, then went to Mayo General Hospital at Galesburg, Illinois, where he was Adjutant until June 1945.

He went overseas to Manila for a year, serving as mess officer with the 313th and the 4th General Hospitals. In 1946 he returned to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and was reassigned to Mayo General Hospital as detachment CO of the 79th Field Hospital. He came to LGH with the 79th in September 1946, and continued as detachment CO until the field hospital was inactivated in December.

Lieut. Nielsen's wife, Florence, is here in San Francisco with him, and they have an apartment in the Marina.

His major hobby is building model trains, and he has no less than 25 assorted engines and cars he has built himself. He gets the materials for most of them at the Letterman Hobby Shop in the PX. He likes to bowl, too, but says that since he bowls only one night a week, his score isn't worth mentioning.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Bedtime serenaders — for the benefit of those who like bedtime music "Okie style," guitar players T/5 Neff and Pvt. Riley are for hire. So the occupants of lower C-45 agree. Free advertising. No charge.

The "shakedown" revealed that the H.T.S. has a mobster from way back. It seems that the toy "rod" of "Baby Face" Martin (T/5 Bob L.) was unearthed in the search. How about it, Bob?

Ex-sergeant Harold Carey writes that he is making sixty-five dollars a month. He is going to an agricultural school for four hours a day.

A degree of D.C.S. (Dr. of clashing matrimonies) can be bestowed upon Captain Hey for his strategy which provided a reconciliation of T/3 Magale's "family" (Queenie and her pups).

Job of the week—to grow "green" with envy, one has only to look at the fine job of painting by the maintenance section of the trucks on the some forty hospital cars recently completed.

T/5 Blake and T/5 Martin left Tuesday evening to take a V.A.H. patient to L.A. Hollywood may beckon, boys, but don't go astray. Your talents can be displayed here (we're your friends!).

The "flu system" has broken away from M/Sgt. Washburn. He was seen reporting in for work on Monday morning. Is it worse than the "love bug," Sarge??

Pfc. Robert Buckley has made it known that he shall be returning to that place called Boston soon. We hope he doesn't go away "half-baked." You never can tell when an old "bean" will pop up, good luck!

If you hadn't heard, the E. M. have been handing the H.T.S. officers a series of defeats in their weekly volley ball games. Officers, here's something which might help: T/Sgt. Mitchell, an E. M. star player, has become attached to "late night hours" (monthly night C.Q.) which his teammates fear will break down his "batting skill" in future games.

Latest dope has it that we are honored with a pair of "Korea Twins." M/Sgt. Lindquist and T/Sgt. Dougherty have been re-assigned to the Far Eastern command.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

The Veterans Administration medical service in the Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) cares for an average of more than 12,500 patients a day in VA hospitals, contract hospitals and domiciliary homes.

Under the law, admission of veterans to VA hospitals is based on a "priority" system.

First priority for admission is given to emergency cases.

Second only to emergency cases on the priority list are veterans with "service - connected" disabilities. These are veterans with injuries or diseases caused or made worse by their service in the armed forces. "Service connection" is established when a veteran files a claim with the Veterans Administration and the subsequent check of his service records and physical examination reveal the disease or injury was incurred in the service.

Veterans with "non-service connected" diseases or disabilities, if they do not need emergency care, can be admitted to a hospital only if a bed is available and if they cannot afford treatment elsewhere.

Of the total number of patients treated by the Veterans Administration each day approximately 29 percent are service connected cases and approximately 71 percent are non-service connected.

In addition to hospitalization, veterans with service connected injuries or diseases are entitled to treatment in VA out-patient clinics and, in some cases, by private doctors. Out-patient treatment is NOT available to veterans with non-service connected disabilities.

Question: May a veteran receive full subsistence payments from Veterans Administration if he works while attending school under the G. I. Bill?

Answer: He may work part-time or full-time and still draw his full subsistence allowance, provided that the wages he earns for such employment, plus his subsistence allowance while attending school, does not total more than \$175 if he has no dependents, or \$200 a month if he has dependents.

"You ought to put your foot down and show your wife who is running things at your home."

"It isn't necessary. She knows."

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

Army and Air Force enlisted men or warrant officers, on active duty in one Department, will no longer be permitted to attain a Reserve Officer status in another Department. A forthcoming amendment to the Joint Army-Air Force Adjustment Regulation 1-1-1 further provides that military personnel currently holding dual status will transfer as EM or WO to the Department in which the Reserve appointment is held; or transfer the Reserve appointment to the Department in which serving.

AUS officers on extended active duty may now serve as officer instructors for the National Guard in an advisory capacity. Such Army officers will not be assigned as advisors in their own home state, nor as State Senior Instructors, or Instructors for Division, Corps, Artillery, or similar units.

Authorized baggage and other personal property, including gifts for others, may be brought into the United States tax-free by Armed Forces personnel returning from overseas under Government orders. The tax-free status is applicable regardless of the mode of transportation utilized and includes members of the Armed Forces transferring to the Zone of Interior for any purpose.

Armed Forces' officers have been recommended to receive pay increases ranging up to thirty-five per cent by the Joint-Service Pay Board headed by Vice Adm. William M. Fechteler. Senior officers are most heavily affected by the proposed increases. Both President Truman and Secretary Forrestal have oftentimes expressed desires to see the Government

make Service careers return sufficient compensation to encourage outstanding men to accept commissions and serve until retirement. A study of the entire Armed Forces pay situation is presently being conducted by a committee of outstanding civilians and Mr. Forrestal has stated that he is awaiting its report before recommending legislation to the Congress.

Charges that "service in the Armed Forces is making alcoholics of American youths," recently offered by the Women's Christian Temperance Union as reason for opposing Universal Military Training, have been utterly disproved. As a matter of fact, reliable statistics show the reverse to be true—there are far fewer alcoholics in Army ranks than there are in civilian life. Figures reveal that the Army alcoholism rate dropped from 4.61 per 1,000 men in 1936 to 1.65 in 1945 and is still decreasing; whereas the civilian rate in 1945 was 8.57 a 1,000.

New designation of all state-side Air Force installations is Air Force Base. All former names, such as Fields, Army Air Fields, or Army Air Bases, have been rescinded. Former Auxiliary Fields have been renamed Air Force Auxiliary Fields.

Unofficial sources state that the Navy Air Transport Service (NATS) may shortly be merged with the Air Force's Air Transport Command ferrying service. It is known that this unification has the backing of Secretary Forrestal and the Air Policy Commission.

'Average' Air Force Recruit Scores 110 in AGCT Tests

(AFPS)—When the Air Force raised the mental requirements of its recruits from an AGCT score of 40 to 70 and finally to 90, only a temporary slump in enlistments resulted. But enlistments soon rose to the quota needed to man the USA's 70-group goal.

While these statistics are heartening to Air Force officials, an even better picture of the mental caliber of Air Force personnel is reflected in the average mental score of 18,000 enlistees now in training, 110, enough to qualify for entrance in officers' candidate school.

Of current enlistments, about 40 per cent are former airmen. More than 25,000 former officers

have applied for enlisted service. The challenge of higher mental standards undoubtedly helped the AF recruiting program officials report, but among other important factors was the provision under which former rated technicians could go to major commands on jobs of their choice, if such jobs were vacant at the time of enlistment.

It is estimated that 3,000 civilian college graduates will enlist as aviation cadets in 1948 and that more than 400 others will start pilot training. Enlisted men may start pilot training upon graduation from OCS. Cadets will be enrolled also from the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

The specific objectives of the Army Education Program are:

1. To provide the education necessary for the soldier to perform his assigned duties effectively.
2. To enable each soldier to meet the educational requirements necessary for promotion.
3. To provide continuing educational opportunity to the soldier.
4. To assist the individual soldier to employ his leisure time profitably and to satisfy his intellectual interests.

The core of the Army Educational Program is the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI). It was established in April of 1942 to provide various educational services to military personnel.

USAFI is an official agency of the Army, Navy and Air Forces, with Headquarters at Madison, Wisconsin, and overseas branches in various parts of the world. It is frequently referred to as the "school with a world campus" and certainly the largest correspondence school in existence in the world today.

The services available on an individual enrollment basis by mail include:

1. One hundred and forty nine correspondence courses on high school, technical, and first year college.
2. One hundred and eighty nine self teaching courses in elementary, high school, technical, and first year college subjects.
3. Approximately six thousand university correspondence courses offered through fifty nine civilian cooperating colleges and universities in the United States.

Percentage participation based on over-all strength for each organization in the Zone of Interior indicates these organizations ranked in the following order:

1. Medical Corps
2. Corps of Engineers
3. Quartermaster Corps
4. Army Ground Forces
5. Ordnance
6. Signal Corps
7. Transportation Corps
8. Military Districts of Washington

A popular feature of the Army Education Program is the testing service available through the United States Armed Forces Institute. Through these tests thousands of military personnel are being granted credit toward High School Diplomas and Certificates; or given placement in colleges throughout the United States.



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Valentine Day Is Not Overlooked At Letterman

Valentine celebrations were much in evidence at Letterman this week, with Red Cross sponsored parties on the wards during the week, and a formal dance to be held at the Army YMCA this evening. The volume of Valentine mail received here is unrecorded, but a large number of patients received and sent the Cupid-inspired messages of romance.

Investigation to discover the "why" of Valentine Day disclosed a variety of reasons for this annual day dedicated to romance. Although there are no less than three saints named Valentine, it is said that dedication of the day to lovers has no connection with any of them. An early English dictionary, published in 1721, states that on the 14th of February the birds choose their mates, "and probably thence came the custom of the young men and maidens choosing valentines, or special loving friends, on that day."

Another explanation that sounds logical is the one which says that since v and g were frequently interchangeable in popular speech at one time, the Norman word "galatin," meaning a lover of the fair sex, was frequently written and pronounced valanten or valentin. "And by a natural confusion of names St. Valentine was established as the patron of sweethearts and lovers, though he had no real connection with them."

In Shakespeare's day there was a custom of challenging the person you wanted for your valentine. This consisted in saying "Good morning, 'tis St. Valentine's Day," and he or she who said it first on meeting a person of the opposite sex received a present. Apparently Shakespeare had this challenge in mind in Ophelia's song.



THE BARBECUE CLUB IS TWO YEARS OLD

Members of the Letterman Barbecue Club gather around the birthday cake at their recent party at Stern Grove. They had everything from barbecued spareribs to cake. In the foreground, L. to R.: Sgt. Fred Casias of Pasadena, Calif.; Dorothy Ericson, Red Cross recreation worker; Cpl. Cecil Trent of Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Good morrow, 'tis St. Valentine's Day

All in the morn betime,
And I a maid at your window
To be your valentine."

Pepys' diary records the first drawing of a Valentine, when he tells that his wife received one bearing her name and a motto

"most courteous and most fair." The first printed Valentine showed a man and a woman, both looking demure, with Cupid in the background, waving a letter:

Valentines sent through the mail reached a huge volume early in the twentieth century, when a post-office in one large U. S. city handled well over a million one year.

Gen. Eisenhower Says Farewell To His Troops

When General Dwight Eisenhower bade farewell last week to the troops he had commanded he concluded his message with "My fondest boast shall always be 'I was their fellow soldier.'"

The Department of the Army has made public the farewell message General Eisenhower sent out on the day of his retirement as chief of staff. The message said:

"To the American soldier:

"Departure from my present post breaks many ties that are dear to me. But the separation is not complete. I take with me the knowledge that, both by law and in my own heart, my service with you shall not end as long as I live. Assurance of such fellowship is my most prized possession, for no man can have a more worthy comrade and loyal friend than the American soldier.

"For 37 years I have been privileged to serve with men who manifested, in their performance of every duty, the stout hearts of Americans and the spirit of our Nation. Pride of service, loyalty to the Flag, love of country strengthened them beyond the common strength given to men.

"Whatever their rank or Army, they were before all else soldiers, heirs to generations of soldierly tradition, distinguished for soldierly virtue. What they have done to preserve their country from its enemies and to free their world from evil tyrannies is written large in human history.

"My words add nothing to their fame. But I cannot let this day pass without telling them, the fighting men of ground and air—those who have left the ranks and you who still wear the uniform—that my fondest boast shall always be: 'I was their fellow soldier.'"

Secretary Royall Tells "What" and "Why" of Occupation

(AFPS)—"To many American citizens—including myself—the most surprising development—and one of the most disappointing aspects of our victory over Germany and Japan has been the responsibility and cost which have been placed upon us in the matter of occupation. There were few who originally recognized the extent of this burden. And today every citizen of our country is justified in asking 'what' and 'why' in our occupation policies."

With this thought - provoking statement, Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall opened a recent address on the status of the occupation in Japan. This subject, somewhat buried by present-day considerations of the European Recovery Program, is again coming to the minds of American citizens who are aware that occupation in Japan is stretching into many more months and many more dollars than was first anticipated.

In his address, Mr. Royall pointed out that this was necessary, not because the original purposes of the occupation had taken longer to fulfill than anticipated, but rather due to the changes in conditions which have taken place since the end of the war.

Mr. Royall stressed two paramount factors: First, that it had been our original intent to make sure that Japan did not cause future trouble by taking away her arms and the industry which could be turned to wartime advantage. That was accomplished quickly and effectively. Secondly, that changes in political conditions have made it equally imperative that we combat the danger of Japan's falling prey to aggressive-minded nations, especially while Japan is in a state of unrest due to lack of food and resources.

Therefore, the Army Secretary stated, it must be the policy of our occupation to find the happy medium, where Japan will not be capable of large scale war production, but will still have means of self-support sufficient to keep them from that state of unrest.

In Mr. Royall's own words, "The underlying idea was the prevention of future Japanese aggression . . ." but that new conditions have arisen—in world politics and economics, in problems of national defense, and in humanitarian considerations.

"And yet without food and other necessities, Japan would be faced



THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
Kenneth C. Royall, visiting the wards during his recent visit to Letterman. He was accompanied by General Mark Clark, commanding general of the Sixth Army, and Colonel Dean F. Winn, Letterman's commanding officer. Above he stops on ward C-2 to talk with Pfc. Walter Heirakuji and Pfc. Antonio Arce.

with widespread starvation and disease—would seethe with unrest and disorder and hopelessness. Even aside from the simple principles of humanity, we could not, under such conditions, accomplish our original objective of a peaceful Japanese government. Nor could we hope that Japan would be other than susceptible to totalitarian demagogues from within and without. Without help the country would become a prey to non-democratic ideologies of aggression.

Brigadier General Frayne Baker, at the personal direction of General MacArthur, wrote an account of the occupation which expresses this same idea:

"Today these precious rights (political democracy), gained through untold sacrifices of inspired and stout-hearted men and women in many lands are seriously imperiled. Weak and despairing people are being lured by the siren song of a deceptive economic 'security' to yield

their hard-won freedoms to a new despotism. Masked under the shiny facade of radical economic progress and drastic social reform, it seeks by violence and chicanery to reimpose the age-old tyrannies which kept the spirit of man enslaved for countless generations. The tragedy is that once human rights are lightly bartered for the mirage of economic 'security' there is no recourse but to begin again the ancient drawn-out struggle for political independence.

"Faced with this urgent challenge, the democratic nations of the world must clearly demonstrate that only a society governed by the free will of the people and giving full play to the hopes, aspirations and capacities of the individual can provide the material progress upon which real social and economic welfare are based."

General Baker points out that, "The ultimate test of the occupation will be the extent to which, in

Gallup Poll Shows 65 Per Cent Favor UMT

A majority of Americans are in favor of peacetime military training, according to the latest nationwide Gallup poll. Last July the poll showed that 75 per cent of the people were in favor of a universal military training plan. The percentage has fallen off somewhat, but 65 per cent are still in favor of the plan.

In every poll taken since 1942 a large majority has favored the proposal. Of those questioned in the current sampling, 24 per cent were against compulsory training, while 11 per cent had no opinion.

Other information furnished by the poll:

1. Majorities in every section of the country favor peacetime training.
2. World War II veterans show a higher percentage in favor than the population as a whole.
3. In the opinion of people questioned, the argument for military training is the need for preparedness in an uncertain world order. The second best argument is that it is good training and good discipline for young men.
4. The strongest reasons against training, according to voters, are that it is unfair to take away a year of a young man's life and that it will encourage warlike attitudes.
5. Persons who have a male member of the family of draft age vote in almost the same percentage as those unaffected by UMT.
6. The rank and file of union members showed a vote of approval of nearly three to one.

The New Look

Came last week a telegram to Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, Chief of our Surgical Service, extending congratulations on his selection for the permanent grade of Colonel, Medical Corps.

It came from a friend of his in Washington.

It came COLLECT.

an extremely brief span of time, it has been able to create an atmosphere favorable to the sturdy growth of a democratic spirit capable of withstanding the raging winds of totalitarianism from whatever direction they may blow."



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THE KIBITZER

(AFPS)—You can look in the dictionary for a definition of "kibitzer" and find that he is "one who gives gratuitous advice." This is a subtle indication that the guy who wrote the dictionary never played much poker or gin rummy.

The card player could give the lexicographer a few better definitions, the most mild being "pest" and the other being unprintable.

The kibitzer knows everything there is to be known about the game you are playing and the particular hand you are holding. But he rarely plays himself. Either he's "tired" or there's not enough room at the table. Yet he's never short on advice and he can always find room to squeeze in behind you . . . and stick with you to the bitter end.

The kibitzer is the guy who stands behind you and grins like a moron with a lollypop when he sees you draw aces back to back. He's the joker who inadvertently tips off the other players that you've got a good hand, and he's the same guy who criticizes you when you lose because everyone knows what you're holding.

He's the same guy who calls your best plays "lucky," tells you which card to play so that you are certain to lose, and then explains what you did wrong after you finally quit in disgust.

The kibitzer is in a class



Authentic sign of Spring in the office of Lieut. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse—a bowl of daffodils that doubles the already generous allotment of sunshine in the room.

Our sympathy to 1st Lieut. Mollie Tohill, who received word this week that her father had been injured in an accident in which both legs were broken and his skull fractured. Lieut. Tohill left immediately by plane for her home in West Virginia.

The Physical Therapy amputation clinic has been moved from the gym to a new location—on ward 42. The change was made for the convenience of the patients. Lieut. Leath Shaffer of Physical Therapy is in charge, and is assisted by T/3 Jessie Pekarski.

First Lieut. Julie V. Skellchock of the dietitians staff is a patient on ward P, and would welcome visitors.

First Lieuts. Beatrice Sandhoff and Leath Shaffer spent last week end visiting friends in Carmel.

Lieut. Elizabeth J. Stevenson of the dietitians staff left this week for Brooke Army Medical Center, where she will take the two-week course in Mess Administration.

The four nurses from the Hospital Train Section who have been on duty here at the main hospital during the lull between ships will be returning to HTS duty next week, since a ship is expected to arrive. The four are Captain Mary Lohr and 1st Lieuts. Gladine Freedline, Ada Hagan and Anna Rattigan.

A welcome to five new arrivals for the Army Nurse Corps staff—Major Mary Steppan, Captain Helen A. Nelson, 1st Lieut. Leona M. Alic, 1st Lieut. Phyllis J. Patrick and 1st Lieut. Helen L. Cathcart.

First Lieut. Beulah Nye received her discharge this week and has returned to civilian life.

with things like wormy apples, stale coffee and a four-card flush that just doesn't fill. There is only one good thing about him. If he finally gets into a game he invariably starts to wail and moan. About what? Why the kibitzers, of course.

WAC

T/4 Fay Lavagnino is getting an early start on her summer tan without waiting for authentic sunshine. She purchased a sun lamp so she'll be sure to have a tan, weather or not.

"Hank" Zuzga brought the lugubrious word back to the barracks after the LGH Girls' Basketball team played the Sixth Army girls team last week. She put it in two words, "They won!" The score was 24-22.

Welcome to two new members of the WAC detachment—T/4 Myrtle Meredith and T/4 Gertrude Churchill.

T/4 Christine McConnell and T/4 Ethel Stepp returned this week from three-day passes. They both spent their time in Los Angeles, but at different places.

E/3 May Magrath is on furlough, and is visiting her brother, Major Magrath, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

A friend of T/5 Louise Hass, a former fellow-WAC, is here from Portland, Oregon, visiting Louise, and they have been enjoying themselves exploring San Francisco and talking over the pro and con of Army versus civilian life. No report as to who is winning out.

Birthday congratulations go today to T/Sgt. Margaret Bell. Her friends have discovered that she was a Valentine baby.

Members of the basketball team want to express their appreciation to Cap. Charlotte Woodworth, CO of the WAC detachment, for her support of the team, and her faithful attendance at all the games.

Seems a little bit early in the month for economy, but three members of the detachment are practicing it anyway, giving one another home permanent waves. Proud possessors of the new waves are T/4 Kitty Kelly, T/5 Janice Deming and Cpl. Lucy Sellers.

M/Sgt. Opal Glenn and T/Sgt. Margaret Drescher went out personally on Sunday to investigate the truth of the newspaper stories that there was snow on Skyline Boulevard. No one knows whether or not they engaged in a snowball fight, but they say they had fun.

The problem of communication between floors has been solved by S/Sgt. Dorothy Bennett and T/4 Elsie LePitre. One is on the first floor of the barracks, the other on

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 15 February, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Mass daily during Lent at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Our Valentine

Is Miss Esther J. Grobler, who has been with the civilian personnel office for ages and ages and is still young enough to fill the role assigned as "Our Valentine."

The lace and frills surrounding the lady in the heart comes from the facile brush of Mrs. Helen Hoffman of Convalescent Services Division.

Classification Personnel Here to Audit Positions

James Flanner, chief of Classification and Wage Administration, Office of the Surgeon General, and Joseph Herrin, his assistant, have been at Letterman for the past two weeks, engaged in auditing positions throughout the hospital.

During their stay here Mr. Flanner and Mr. Herrin made a survey to see that jobs were properly allocated, and that duties were being performed in compliance with regulations. They made recommendations for improvement wherever possible.

They consulted with the chiefs of branches and reviewed a few positions in each branch. Because of their limited time here they could not contact all personnel.

They left Letterman yesterday, Mr. Flanner going to McCornack General Hospital and Mr. Herrin to Madigan General Hospital, where they will make similar surveys before returning to Washington later this month.

the second floor. When they have messages for one another, they simply open the window and call back and forth.

WAC OF THE WEEK



DOROTHY H. GUY
Sergeant

In the case of Sergeant Dorothy Guy, it might be an idea to change the word homesick to "Jonesick," because homesick for Percy Jones General Hospital pretty well describes her present state of mind. Maybe the charm of California and Letterman will win her over in time, but there's no telling.

Dorothy, who is also called Dot-tie, came here recently when the WAC detachment at the Battle Creek hospital was deactivated, and is working in the classification and assignment office.

She was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, which is still her home town. She attended Bowling Green Business University at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and entered the WAC as soon as she had completed her studies there. She was inducted at Jackson, Mississippi, in March 1945, and went to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for her basic training. This was followed by clerk's school, also at Fort Oglethorpe. She was then assigned to duty at Lawson General Hospital at Atlanta. There she worked in the separation classification office, remaining for a year.

The next four months were spent at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, in the patients' personnel office. She went to Percy Jones in September 1946, and was assigned to do clerical work in the office of the chief nurse. This proved to be her favorite job thus far in her Army life.

Dorothy thinks she would like to remain in the WAC if it becomes Regular Army, and says she would like overseas duty.

Her two favorite leisure time diversions are dancing and horseback riding.

"Darling, your waist is the smallest I've ever seen."
"Of corset is."

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Felix Sharpe of Ward M-2 reverts to type at times in his old roll of "Jungle Scout." Sally Craig accuses him of bobbing up in the dark room at the most unexpected times. Felix is a veteran of the Guadalcanal and Philippine campaigns to say nothing of the battle of Letterman into which he puts his whole heart and soul.

George Casey, at the ripe old age of eight, is the model patient of Ward F-1. The boys say that George's only fault is throwing chewing gum on the floor and that is a statement that is vigorously denied by him. George then counterattacks with the statement that he is the only one that will volunteer to run the buffer.

Retired Master Sergeant Fred E. Watson, who was a long time member of the Letterman detachment, is at present in Ward F-1 for a routine physical checkup. Fred says he has had a lot of visitors and is ready for some more.

Bruce Olsen of Ward F-1 is going out of the music making business immediately if not sooner. Bruce complains that no one likes his music so he is going to sell his guitar. All prospective serenaders, front and center.

August Bergman of Ward E-2 is known as the "perpetual motion kid" and that's all right with him also because he says that the more he moves those legs around, the sooner he is going to get out of that bed. August suffered fractures of both legs in a truck accident. Good luck, August.

Frank Cornell, "ye olde" table tennis champ of Ward D-1, is planning to cop the Berkeley Table Tennis Tournament that comes off on the 26th of this month. Frank hasn't been feeling so well lately and says that in addition to this there will be a couple of nationally ranked

The soldier was painting the CO's office, but the sergeant was under the impression that he was not making enough progress.

Hearing no sound from the CO's office, the sergeant shouted, "Hey, soldier, are you working?"

"Yeah," the EM shouted back.

"I don't hear any noise," the sergeant screamed.

"I'm not putting it on with a hammer," was the gentle reply.

ing players in the tournament. But LGH is rooting for the Sixth Army champ.

Retraction of a paragraph in last week's column: "Oats" Hayes, the great model airplane builder of Ward 28, is not discouraged because he recently cracked up his flying "Pin up" job. That's the old spirit "Oates," keep 'em flying, never say die and all that old stuff.

To Steve Jambor, who was recently discharged from Letterman: Your pals in Ward 41 want you to know that your company is sadly missed and that they wish you the best of luck.

Glen R. Hanks of Ward C-2 and Robert P. Adams of Ward B-2 are having a rug weaving contest in the O. T. Shop. Break clean in the stitches, gentlemen, and let the best man win.

After suffering through the cold winter in San Francisco, now, with the promise of warm spring and summer to come, Clint Logas was presented with a wool hand knit sweater last Saturday. Advance Valentine, maybe?

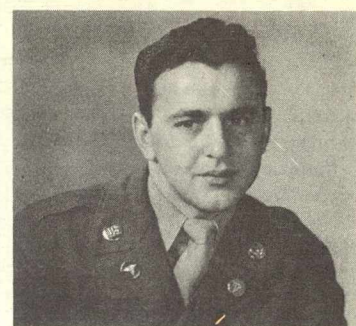
While dining at the Loggers' Retreat, "Big Ben" Coulliard, patient on Ward 28, seemingly lost his cigarette lighter. He asked his companion on this cultural foray, Larry Joubert of Ward 29, to return to the Retreat and look for the lighter. Final report: After two days' search, the lighter was found on the bedside table of "Eagle-Eye" Coulliard. Sometimes you can't find the forest for the bottles.

Orville Hemburger, ward K-2, emerged from his cocoon last week and is now taking part in the social activities of the ward.

Carpet-bagging is one of the new talents developed by Maynard Villers, ward K-1, as he takes his fellow patients to the cleaners at the poker table.

Arthur Jorgensen and Peter Hovey, both of ward F-1, played a round of golf on the pitch 'n putt course last Sunday afternoon. Even though Hovey may have shown greater accuracy on his approach shots, Jorgensen's putter couldn't miss, so he emerged the victor in this game. They hope to have a weekly match for the remainder of their stay at Letterman.

ON THE SPOT



ANTHONY C. TANGORRA
Technician Fifth Grade

The official name is T/5 Anthony C. Tangorra, but naturally everyone knows him as Tony, thus achieving the musically alliterative "Tony Tangorra." Here at Letterman Tony has the enviable assignment of driver for the commanding officer, Colonel Dean F. Winn. He says his special hobby is driving, so the work is very much to his liking.

Tony was born in Rockford, Illinois, a little over 18 years ago. He attended East Side High School there, and after his graduation in 1946, he was apprenticed to his father, and worked as leather cutter and furniture manufacturer.

There is an Army installation in Tony's home town—Camp Grant, and the glimpses he got of Army life around the camp finally resulted in his enlistment in January of last year. His first duty station was Fort Lewis, Washington, and he was at Fort Warren, Wyoming for a brief time.

After coming to Letterman, Tony attended the 30-day clerk-typist classes, and was first assigned to Message Center. Then he was relief driver for a time, before being given his present job of driving for Colonel Winn.

Tony plays guard on the Ramblers basketball team. He has a healthy interest in all sports, and is especially interested in hunting and fishing. He plans to do a lot of both next summer.

He expects to receive his discharge in June, and wants to enroll as a student at DeKalb Teachers College, DeKalb, Illinois, and major in Physical Education.

A GI wandering through a department store squeezed one doll and it cried "mama." Later he squeezed another doll and it screamed "floor-walker."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Letterman personnel currently enjoying vacations include Frances Parry of the Laundry, Margaret Jenkins of the PX Grill and Isabel Cannon of Military Personnel.

Congratulations to Emily Knepp of the Dental Clinic, who last week won first prize at a bridge luncheon at the Villa Chartier.

Pat McCall, former Lettermanite, took off by plane this week for Hawaii, where she will join her husband, Lieut. Iver McCall, who is now stationed at Tripler General Hospital. Lieut. McCall was Provost Marshal at Letterman until he left for the Islands in December.

Welcome to two new employees—Evelyn Schumacher of Civilian Personnel and Grace Davis of Out-Patient Service.

Quentin Lawson of the Laundry is resigning, and plans to go back to school in the near future.

Louise Smith of the Registrar's office is still ill at her home, and her many friends at Letterman are missing her and hoping for her speedy recovery.

Pearl Robillard of Civilian Personnel entertained members of the Civilian Personnel staff at her home last week at a party which celebrated her birthday and was also a housewarming. It is reported that "Irish Eyes" Mary Bensen was the life of the party, and anyone who doubts it (but why should they?) is invited to hear a play-back of the recording Mary made on Helen Lund's wire recorder.

New Adjutant

Major Roland H. Wingo, MSC, has been appointed hospital adjutant, and took over his new duties this week. He has been at Letterman since February 1946, and has served with the Hospital Train Section and as CO of the Station Complement.

Major Wingo replaces Major Earle Paxson, who left recently for his new station at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston.

A man had been trying to write a card with the pen provided by the Post Office. After two or three ineffectual starts, he turned to a clerk at one of the windows and said: "Is this, by any chance, the pen used by John Hancock in signing the Declaration of Independence?"

The clerk replied: "Inquiries on the right, please."

LORRAINE ZITA HAS BEEN A LETTERMANITE FOR SIX YEARS



Miss LORRAINE ZITA
Also known as "Trixie"

Both military and civilian personnel of Letterman who have work done at the Letterman dry cleaning plant have occasion to meet vivacious, dark-haired Lorraine Zita. She performs her duties with quiet efficiency and a friendly smile, and deals with a complaint as readily as if it were a compliment.

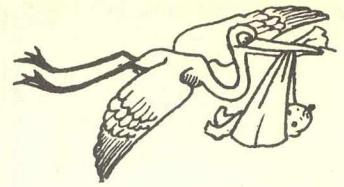
This month Lorraine celebrates an anniversary. She has been at Letterman for six years, all of that time in the same job. She says it has "seemed like quite a while" but she has liked her work and has never found it dull. She performs numerous tasks in addition to her main duty of taking care of customers at the counter, and is familiar with the routine of all the clerical work of the plant.

Lorraine was born in San Francisco, attended Galileo High School. After she finished school she worked for a San Francisco photography studio for a time. Working in a dark room wasn't too much of her liking, so she changed to Letterman

and has been here ever since. "I like the work and I like the people I work with," she says, "and that means a lot to me." She lives in North Beach, and rather than be late for work in the morning, she takes a cab if the street cars are slow in coming.

Music is her avocation, and she has studied piano for a number of years. She plays both classical and popular music, and at parties is liable to spend most of the evening at the piano if the rest of the guests have their way. However, since dancing is her favorite pastime, she likes to leave the piano and get her feet in motion instead of her fingers. She has a collection of records, and enjoys going to concerts.

Lorraine is very fond of dogs, and is hoping to acquire a cocker spaniel before long. She made friends at once with Jerry, the Fog Horn mascot, but was unable to persuade him to accompany her when she left the office. He always waits right here for the boss.



To Captain and Mrs. Robert Sumner Jones, a boy, **Michael Terry**, born 29 January.

To Major and Mrs. Hugh Davis Avary, a girl, **Susan Elizabeth**, born 29 January.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Herbert Becklund, a girl, **Susan Louise**, born 29 January.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Ray William Butcher, a girl, **Ruth Linda**, born 29 January.

To T/5 and Mrs. Darrell Van Duran, a boy, **Jerry Alan**, born 30 January.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Lloyd Bogwell, a girl **Sarah Lou**, born 2 February.

To Captain and Mrs. William V. Breyfogle, a girl, **Cynthia**, born 3 February.

To Captain and Mrs. Walter B. Milburn, a girl, **Patricia Ann**, born 2 February.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Chester Quillen, a girl, **Sandra Lee**, born 2 February.

To Major and Mrs. Allan Wray Phelps, a boy, **Michael Bruce**, born 3 February.

To Captain and Mrs. Harry Durkee, a girl, **Kathryn Ann**, born 3 February.

To Corporal and Mrs. Marvin Davis, a boy, **Hugh Thomas**, born 5 February.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. David E. Pickard, a boy, **Bill**, born 6 February.

To Captain and Mrs. Walter Scott Wilcox, a girl, **Suzanne Mary**, born 6 February.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Phillip D'Annunzio, a girl, **Susanna Josephine**, born 6 February.

To Major and Mrs. John George Georgelas, a boy, born 7 February.

Two safecrackers entered a bank, and one proceeded to take off his shoes and socks and turn the dial with his toes. His pal grew impatient. "Let's open the thing and get out of here."

"Naw, it'll only take a minute longer and this way we'll drive dem fingerprint experts nuts."

"Guilty or not guilty," thundered the judge. "Dunno," said the prisoner meekly. "I ain't heard the evidence yet."

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

"Man is dog's best friend"—that is the opinion of Major Ford after the K-9 rescue he performed of his dog, King, last week-end at Land's End. Did it really take an hour and a half, Major?

If you should notice T/5's Chah and Jordan cutting a square corner, it means that T/5 Crowson has succeeded in teaching them at least one of the drill requirements they will execute when taking exams for promotion next week. Good luck, fellows.

The Executive Type appeared in the area last week, and Captain Wilcox is the "daddy" of it. The Wilcoxes have received their visit from the stork. Cigars were sending up the smoke signals of the new arrival, an eight pound baby girl.

It seems that T/5's Burford and Demster were glad to return to camp after a three-day pass spent in Oregon. The girls, they say, are the promoters of late hours now. Civilian life isn't what it used to be, eh boys?

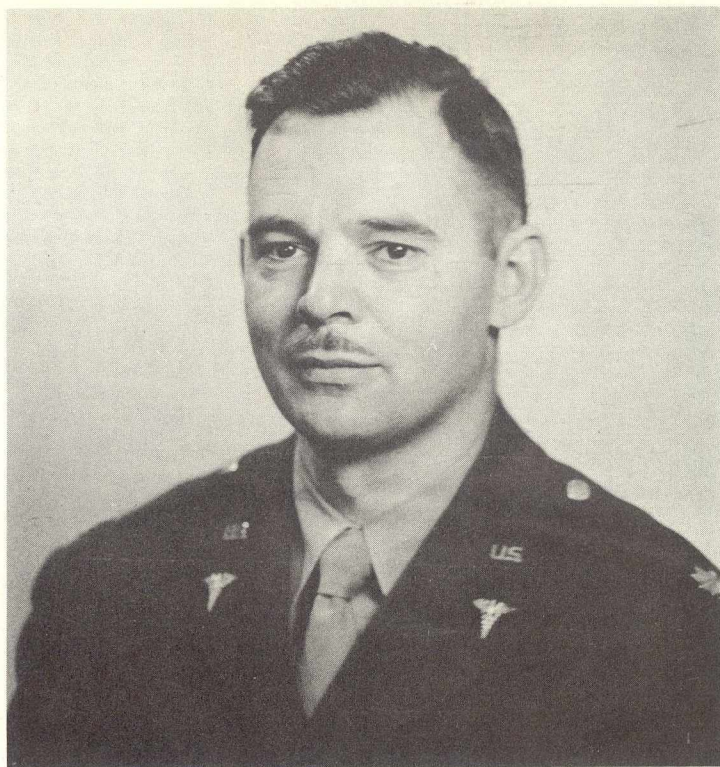
Cpl. William Maurer has joined the ranks of Switch-Kids. They say it is hard being a Railroad Man, but soon he can show his friends the scars of a veteran switchman. Right now, however, his big toe of the right foot is taking the "wrap." He dropped a switch bar on it.

To be in the sheik, confer with Cpl. Claude "Corky" Corea. Lately he has become an authority on smart men's clothes (Howards, on Market).

Three officers of the Train Section have never felt themselves to be senile, but "that circular" tells them otherwise. Major Huey, Captain Hey and Taylor are making plans to enter life in the civilian world. The Army's loss is the civilian world's gain.

New faces in the H.T.S. are: T/Sgt. Charley Smith, Pfc. Charles J. Long, Pfc. John R. Walker, Pfc. Gene Williams, and Pvt. Charles E. Valliere from the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Dix, N. J. Others are: T/Sgt. Charles L. Barnes, of Fort Knox, Kentucky, and T/Sgt. Harry Parsons, from Fort Lawton, Washington. Don't be afraid to say "Hi Charley"—for four chances out of seven you're right.

COLONEL BUTLER COMES BACK TO LETTERMAN AFTER EIGHT YEARS



Lieut. Colonel LEO J. BUTLER
Chief of Physical Medicine Service

Lieut. Col. Leo J. Butler, MC, who began his Army career at Letterman ten years ago, has returned to duty here, this time as Chief of the Physical Medicine Service, which includes Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Reconditioning Branches. Colonel Butler recently completed a six-month course in Physical Medicine at Mayo Clinic, and came to LGH after a brief tour of duty at Percy Jones General Hospital. He says he is very much pleased to be stationed at Letterman again.

He first came to San Francisco when he was a small boy, in 1917, and though he has been away from this area for the past eight years, he regards San Francisco as his home. He had his pre-medical training at the University of San Francisco, and received his M. D. at the University of California. Following residency at Franklin Hospital, he came into the Army as a contract surgeon in 1938, and in 1939 received his reserve commission in the Regular Army. After a year and a half at Letterman, he was sent to Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, N. Y. He attended the Medical Field

Service School at Carlisle Barracks for three months, and spent a month at the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C.

Col. Butler's next station was Camp Hulen, Texas, where he spent a year, during which he trained personnel of the newly-activated 22nd Station Hospital. He was regimental surgeon at Camp Barkley, Texas, for a time, then went to Camp Adair, Ore., to train the 329th medical battalion, 104th Division, and became division surgeon in August 1943. He was next appointed plans and training officer in the Surgeon's office, Fourth Army, with station at Fort Sam Houston.

In November 1944 he went overseas as CO of the 20th Medical Battalion. He remained on overseas duty until May 1947, and during that time served in England, France and Germany. In Germany he supervised the closing of 25 PW hospitals, was later CO of the 59th Field Hospital for a short time, and finally took over as CO of the 112th Evacuation Hospital. He remained on that assignment until the hospital was deactivated. Upon his return to the states last May he went to Mayo

MEDICAL DETACH

Mrs. Helen Diez of the Record Room should be given an honorary "Corporalcy" or "Colonelcy" or "Something" because she is a GI at heart. She keeps in touch with all the ex-Lettermanites. The latest is ex-Sgt. Chris Liossis, formerly of the Record Room. Chris, reports Mrs. Diez, is now attending the University of Ohio.

Corporal Carl Wuitschick of Training Branch office told this correspondent, when asked if he had any "scandal" that was printable, that he did have but it was all on himself.

Conversation overheard recently in the mess hall: "Say, that guy Williams (M/Sgt. Frank Williams of Pharmacy) is losing weight. He is now down to a mere ton."

Pfc. Kenneth Pinheiro, of the M.P. detachment, recently threw a party for a few of his friends. The occasion for celebration was (it says here) his baby's third anniversary. Three months old, that is.

Since T/5 Joseph Poland of the detachment office wrote his scathing rebuke to the Fog Horn recently, he has been one of its best contributors.

According to the first sergeant's office, Corporal Kenneth Dick is applying for Officers Candidate School.

Good luck to T/5 Fred Can Wasenhoven of the Crissy area, who is receiving his discharge from the Army this week.

The boys in the areas affected say that since the transfer of most of the three graders to barracks 213X things have quieted down considerably in their respective areas.

T/5 Otis Poindexter of the Information Office promises to be a fresh source of "info" for this column. Otis was recently transferred to Letterman from Fort Ord, and he has been assigned to the Information Office.

Clinic for the course in Physical Medicine.

Colonel Butler's wife Ethel and their eight-year-old son Leo, Jr., were in Germany with him for the last year of his overseas duty. They are expecting to move into quarters here on the post in the near future.

Wednesday Night Bowling League Gets Under Way

Members of Letterman's Wednesday night Bowling League went into action last week at the LGH Bowling Alleys, with eight teams participating. Convalescent Services won all three games from the Operating Room, the Hospital Mess took three games from the 9956 TSU-SGO Medical Section, the Band won two out of three games in their session with the Administration Building team, and Physical Medicine also succeeded in taking two out of three games from the Supply Division.

Team members with the highest individual average scores for the first evening were: First Lieut. Oliver Rajala (all average for three games) 172; S/Sgt. Leslie Harvey, 168; M/Sgt. J. Law, 166; S/Sgt. T. Crapo, 163; T/Sgt. W. Yohe, 152; Pfc. R. Clark, 160. Those who have the highest averages when the time comes to submit names for the Sixth Army Championship Tournament in May will represent Letterman at that event.

The Wednesday night league will bowl on that evening each week at 1800 and 2030 hours.

The team representing Letterman in the Bay Area Army-Navy Bowling League won two out of three games from Fort Mason last Friday. On that team are Lettermanites Leslie Harvey, Paul Hattersley, Steve Ferency, Lou LaRae and Oliver Rajala.

Perhaps the greatest hazard which besets us today is the danger of losing faith in ourselves. In the face of the crises of our time, some may be tempted to doubt the adequacy of human capacities to contend with the challenges which confront us, to fear for our ability to defend and preserve our civilization, our way of life. Such fears are irrational, but their consequences can be grave . . . We need always to keep a sense of proportion. The problems we face are human problems and therefore are capable of human solution.

—Fred M. Vinson.

The family of mountaineers was astonished when the youngest son came running home from school, shouting: "Maw, Maw, I learned to write."

"What have you learned to write, son?" asked Maw.

"Don't know yet, Maw. I ain't learned to read."

Gets Flag from General Ike



Signal Corps

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, is shown presenting General's flag to Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Deputy Chief of Staff, who was presented with an additional star as well as flag after being promoted to the grade of General. The ceremony took place in Gen. Eisenhower's office in Washington. Also promoted, from Major General to Lieutenant General, were: Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Chamberlain, Lt. Gen. Henry S. Aurand, Lt. Gen. Willard S. Paul, and Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves. The ceremony was attended by Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Staff Designate.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

Non-Regular Army officers presently overage in grade will be separated from the Service by June 30. Only exceptions are officers assigned to the Chaplain Corps, WAC, or Medical Department other than Medical Service Corps. The maximum ages in grade for officers are: Warrant Officers 55; 2nd Lts 35; 1st Lts 40; Captains 45; Majors 50; Lt Cols 55; Colonels 60.

Oversea commanders may return civilian and military personnel to the United States, upon request, at the same time as their dependents are directed to return, the Army has announced. Returns will be permanent changes of station, but personnel will be liable for future foreign service under the general oversea tour policies of the Army.

Enlisted personnel who pass the General Educational Development tests (GED) will have that fact recorded on their records. Passage of the high school level test will make the serviceman the equal of a high school graduate, while passage of the second test will make him the equal of a first year college student. Those failing to pass either of the tests will not have

any record of such failure made.

Navy Good Conduct Medals are being issued to qualified veterans upon application to the Chief of Naval Personnel, Attention Pers-10. The eligibility requirements for those whose service terminate after Aug. 15, 1945, are as follows: three years of continuous active service with no convictions by court martial, including deck court; not more than one lesser offense; no sick misconduct; no mark in conduct less than 3.0; an average mark in conduct of not less than 3.8; and a final average of not less than 3.5 in proficiency in rating held. (Under the Navy system, 4.0 equals 100 per cent.)

A new committee has been appointed by Secretary of Defense Forrestal composed of representatives of the three Armed Forces and headed by the chairman of the Munitions Board. Designated as the Committee on Facilities and Services, the members will study means of bringing about economics and greater operational efficiency through the common use of certain facilities and services, such as post exchanges, theatres, clubs, laundries, bakeries, etc.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

More than a half-million World War II veterans, 14 per cent of them residents of California, in 1947 bought homes of their own with the aid of Government-guaranteed loans under the G. I. Bill, Veterans Administration records reveal.

VA said 540,000 GI home loans were made to veterans during 1947 compared with 410,000 in 1946. This brings to 1,056,771 the total number of G. I. home loans approved since the program started late in 1944.

In California 76,585 veterans received home loans in 1947 valued at \$594,193,000, bringing the total since the program began to 122,165 valued at \$942,216,000.

Reviewing the past year's loan transactions, VA found that the average home cost the veteran \$400 more in California. The average California G. I. home carried a price tag of \$7,700 while the national average was \$7,300.

Four out of every 10 veteran-purchasers paid over \$8,000 for their homes and one in 20 upwards of \$12,000.

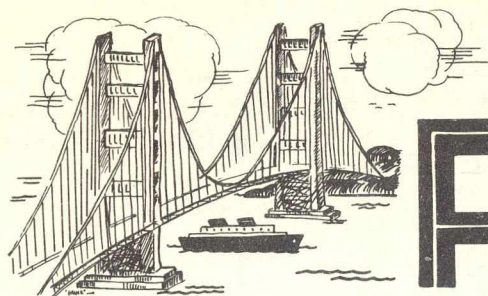
The million-plus veterans who have received guaranteed home loans thus far have established an enviable record in meeting their mortgage obligations, VA said. In only 1,150 cases, including 46 in California, have lenders filed claims against loan guarantees posted by the government.

Of the total home loan mortgages valued at well above six billion dollars, nearly half of which is guaranteed or insured by VA, claims paid to date total slightly over a million dollars. Even this relatively small amount is subject to reduction as properties securing the loans are liquidated.

Eligible veterans, estimated to number more than 14,000,000, still have nearly 10 years in which to exercise their loan guarantee rights under the G. I. Bill. Real estate loans carry a government guarantee of 50 percent of the amount of the loan, up to a maximum guarantee of \$4,000.

Question: Why is it I can't get a reply to a letter I wrote Veterans Administration several months ago?

Answer: In all probability your letter is one of the many that does not give sufficient information to identify you. In many instances, research must be made before the writer is identified, the claim acted on and a reply sent out.



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Group to Survey Medical Services Of Armed Forces

Seeking first-hand information on existing facilities, the Committee on Medical and Hospital Services of the Armed Forces, recently appointed by Secretary of Defense Forrestal, left Washington Monday to visit medical installations. In the interest of expediting the study the trip is being made by airplane, with return to Washington scheduled for 3 March.

The Committee, of which Major General Paul R. Hawley, formerly Chief of Medical Director of the Veterans Administration, is chairman, has been instructed by Secretary Forrestal to make "a thorough, objective and impartial" study of the medical services of the Armed Forces, so that he may obtain at the earliest possible date "the maximum of coordination, efficiency and economy" in their operation. The inspection flight is designed to familiarize the Committee members jointly with the situation on sight as of today as background for its study and recommendations.

The official party includes Major General Raymond W. Bliss, MC, U. S. Army, Surgeon General of the Army; Rear Admiral Clifford A. Swanson, MC, U. S. Navy, Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Major General Malcolm C. Grow, MC, U. S. Army, The Air Surgeon, U. S. Air Force, and Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone, MC, U. S. Navy, the Executive Secretary of the Committee. They are accompanied by technical aides.

The installations to be visited by the Committee are:

Pensacola, Florida, Navy Flight Surgeon's School; Houston, Texas, Naval Hospital;



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS, U. S. Army
Surgeon General of the Army

San Antonio, Texas, Brooke General Hospital, Air Force Station Hospital, and School of Aviation Medicine;

El Paso, Texas, William Beaumont General Hospital; Tucson, Arizona, Air Station Hospital;

San Diego, California, Naval Air Station Dispensary, Naval Hospital, and medical facilities of Naval Training Center, Marine Corps Base and Naval Receiving Station;

Riverside, California (March Field)

Air Station Hospital; Corona, California, Naval Hospital;

Pasadena, California, McCormack General Hospital, Long Beach, California, Naval Hospital;

Moffett Field, California, Naval Dispensary;

San Francisco, California, Letterman General Hospital, Oakland Naval Hospital, Mare Island Naval Hospital, Army and Navy Medical Supply Depots (Oakland and San Francisco)

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Military Air Transport Service Merges ATC-NATS

(AFPS)—Merger of Air Force and Navy air transport organizations, recently announced by Secretary of Defense James Forrestal, completed one of the first major steps in Armed Forces unification designed to eliminate duplicating functions and expenses.

The new setup has been named the Military Air Transport Service and will be under control of the Air Force. It will operate substantially all scheduled air transport required by the Armed Forces as well as a large proportion of the non-scheduled air transport.

For the present there is no change in the regular scheduled flights East made by the Air Transport Command and Naval Air Transport Service from Bay Area points. The ATC plane the "Statesman" leaves Fairfield for Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; the NATS plane, the "Hotshot," leaves Moffett Field for Washington daily except Saturday.

Major General Robert W. Harper, commanding general of ATC, has stated that "no sudden radical plan will be put into effect. The change will be evolutionary rather than revolutionary, and will be determined after long and careful study."

Major General Laurence S. Kuter will be in command of the new MATS, with Rear Admiral John P. Whitney as deputy commandant.

The MATS program calls for establishment of scheduled trunk air routes throughout the world, augmented by feeder lines to be operated by the agency to be served—Navy or Air Force.

Under the new program the Navy will operate what transport is necessary for its administrative needs, such as transport of personnel.

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cisco), Hamilton Field Air Force Station Hospital;

McCord Field, Washington, Fort Lewis, Madigan General Hospital; Seattle, Washington, Sands Point Naval Air Station Dispensary;

Bremerton, Washington, Naval Hospital;

Denver, Colo., Lowery Field Air Force Station Hospital, Fitzsimons General Hospital;

St. Louis, Missouri, Army Medical Supply Depot;

Dayton, Ohio, Wright Field Air Force Station Hospital, Air Force Aeromedical Laboratory.

Specific problems which Secretary Forrestal has asked the Committee to study include: (a) Improvement



**Major General
MALCOLM C. GROW
Air Surgeon**

was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Pennsylvania in 1909 and was appointed Captain in the Medical Reserve on 5 December 1917. A large part of his studies have been devoted to the study of requirements for the health and comfort of flying personnel. In May 1942, he was named Air Force Staff Surgeon in the European Theater of Operations. During his service in World War II, he received the Distinguished Service Medal for his work in conserving the fighting strength of combat crews. He also received the Legion of Merit for developing body armor (flak suits) and steel helmets for bomber crews. In January 1946 he was designated the Air Surgeon.



**Rear Admiral
JOEL T. BOONE
Executive Secretary,
Committee**

was born in St. Clair, Pennsylvania. He transferred from the Medical Corps, Naval Reserve, to the regular Navy in 1915. Admiral Boone holds the Congressional Medal of Honor as a result of heroic action near Vierzy, France on 19 July 1918. He also possesses the Distinguished Service Cross, Army; the Silver Star Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Secretary of the Navy Commendation Ribbon. In addition, he received special citations from General Pershing and four other Army and Marine Corps General Officers in World War I and several decorations from foreign government. From May 1922 to April 1929, he served as Medical Officer, Presidential Yacht Mayflower, attending Presidents Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge and was the physician to the White House during the administration of President Hoover—1929 to 1933. In April 1945, he reported for duty as Fleet Medical Officer of the Third Fleet. He was Navy Medical Corps representative aboard the USS MISSOURI at the surrender ceremonies in Tokyo Bay. He directed the Medical Survey of the Coal Industry in 1947. He is assigned permanently as Inspector of Medical Department activities for the Pacific Coast with additional duty as Medical Officer, Western Sea Frontier.

in utilization of existing hospital facilities; (b) Coordination of current plans for construction of any new hospital facilities; (c) methods for improving organization, management and administration in operation of hospital and medical programs; (d) Coordination or consolidation of medical research and maximum joint use of research facilities; (e) Coordination or consolidation of medical training programs; (f) Allocation to one service of responsibility for providing all hospitalization and medical care for all services in certain fields of medicine; (g) Development, to the highest practicable degree, of common standards, practices and procedures with respect to physical and mental requirements for entrance into the service and disability discharges; preventive medicine; and for the or-



**Rear Admiral
CLIFFORD A. SWANSON
Surgeon General of the Navy**

was born in Marquette, Michigan. He is a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Michigan, and of the Postgraduate School of the University of Pennsylvania. He entered the Navy Medical Corps as a Lieutenant (j.g.) in 1925. During World War II, he saw service afloat as senior medical officer of the Battleship IOWA and also as medical officer on the staff of the Commander, Battleships, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. He became Surgeon General of the Navy on 2 December, 1946. He is the author of numerous articles in professional journals and a member of several honorary medical societies.

General Clark Presents Pictures To Eight Patients

General Mark W. Clark, Commanding General of the Sixth Army, came to Letterman last week to present to eight patients pictures taken on the occasion of the recent visit of Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall. Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, accompanied General Clark to wards D-2 and E-2.

General Clark gave the pictures to the men with the compliments of Secretary Royall, who had autographed them for each patient. Those who received pictures were: Chaplain (Captain) Rex Lawhead, Lieut. Charles Gibson, M/Sgt. Lawrence J. Brau, S/Sgt. Harold G. Hall, Cpl. Walter Heirakuji, Pfc. August Bergman, Jr., Pvt. Antonio Arce, Pvt. Albert Marbury.

ganization, administration and operation of hospitals.

It is emphasized that the Committee's mission is merely to study these various problems and then to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to Secretary Forrestal for his consideration and possible action. The Committee, of itself, has no power to order changes.

Among the Army and Air Force personnel accompanying the Committee are:

Army: Major General Thomas L. Smith, DC, Chief, Dental Division, Office of the Surgeon General; Colonel Mary G. Phillips, ANC, Chief Army Nurse Corps; Colonel Paul I. Robinson, MC, Chief, Personnel Division, Office of the Surgeon General; Colonel Raymond E. Duke, MC, Chief, Education and Training Division, Office of the Surgeon General; Major J. F. Doyle, MSC, Assistant Executive Officer, Office of the Surgeon General.

Air Force: Colonel William H. Powell, Jr., MC, Chief, Professional Division, Office of The Air Surgeon; Colonel Daniel Ogle, MC, Surgeon, Air University, Montgomery, Alabama.

The bus was very crowded. Many men were standing. One of the girls who was hanging on to a strap remarked in a voice to be heard. "Oh, dear, I do wish that good-looking soldier would give me his seat." Five GIs promptly stood up.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS VISITS WARDS
Major General Luther D. Miller visited patients on the wards when he was at Letterman last week. He is shown here as he stopped to talk with T-Sgt. Arthur Solomon of Menlo Park, California, on ward E-2.



LOOKING FORWARD
To the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap. L to R: Cpl. Joseph McElroy, Williamsport, Pa.; S-Sgt. Bernard Leland, Long Beach, Calif.; Pfc. John Ford, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cpl. Dan F. Hisey, Spur, Texas; Capt. Joseph F. Grindley, Special Services officer; Cpl. Felix Rivera, San Bernardino, Calif.; Mrs. Helen Hoffman of Special Services. All five of the patients will be the guests of Mr. William P. Kyne next week on the San Francisco Examiner tour.



READY TO SERVE
The noon meal at the East Hospital mess. First Lieut. Julie V. Skellchock, dietitian, looks things over before the crowd arrives.



SQUARE DANCING
at the Recreation Center, during a recent evening of old-fashioned dances sponsored by the Red Cross. Patients and hotesses above are: L to R--Pvt. Philip Velez, Miss Charlotte Leipzig, Miss Anne Cadden, Pfc. John Palmer.

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EDITORIAL

WASHINGTON

Tomorrow the nation celebrates the birthday of our first President, George Washington. It is more than a century and a half—152 years, to be exact—since Washington, in 1796, delivered his Farewell Address to the people of the United States.

The following excerpt from that address might well serve as a guide not only for our own nation, but for all nations, and in all times:

"Observe god faith and justice towards all Nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be that good policy does not also enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and, at no distant period, a great nation, to give to mankind a magnanimous and too novel example of a People always guarded by an exalted justice and benevolence. Who can doubt that in the course of time and things, the fruits of such a plan would richly repay any temporary advantages which might be lost by a steady adherence to it? Can it be, that Providence has not connected the permanent felicity of a Nation with its virtue? The experiment, at least, is recommended by every sentiment which ennobles human nature."

In great matters men show themselves as they wish to be seen; in small matters, as they are.—Gambriel Bradford.



First Lieut. Rose Varhalla, ANC, is sending the holiday week end at Yosemite, and may get in a little skiing while she's there.

With her newly-acquired car making transportation simple, First Lieut. Dorothy Glidden of Physical Therapy is going to Carmel for the week end. She will be accompanied by her mother.

Our sympathy to Captain Velma Richardson, chief dietitian, who is wearing a cast as a result of an injury to her leg while skiing. Captain Richardson is at present in Los Angeles, but is expected back to Letterman shortly, though she will still be wearing her cast.

Luck was with Major Josephine Balestra, ANC, this week. She was one of the winners at Bingo at the Letterman Officers' Club.

Patients on ward D-2 say that First Lieut. Antonia Fasenmyer, ANC, gives them extra-special motherly care. Reports that she has a special favorite have been indignantly denied by her supporters.

First Lieut. Lucille Orcutt, ANC, has gone home on leave to Elm Creek, Nebraska, to join her husband, who has just arrived home from duty in Europe.

First Lieut. Provida Esterna, ANC, now Mrs. Chamblis, received her discharge last week and has returned to civilian life. She will still be living in San Francisco.

First Lieut. Mary Musick, ANC, is enjoying a 20-day leave, most of which will be spent here in San Francisco.

Two newcomers recently returned from overseas duty and one returning to the Army from civilian life have been welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps staff here during the past week. First Lieut. Dorothy E. Rogen returned from duty in Berlin; First Lieut. Phyllis Hall came back from Heidelberg, and First Lieut. Harriet F. Hansen, whose home is in Tilden, Nebraska, exchanged civilian for Army status.

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened, but go on in fortune or misfortune at their private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

WAC

Welcome to Jean Marsland, new member of the WAC detachment.

Anna Christiansen and Dorothy Gustafson are both wearing sparkling diamonds, their engagement rings from the lucky men they're going to marry.

A group picture of the detachment was taken recently, and orders for prints came thick and fast.

The LGH Girls Basketball Team, at this writing down at Fort Ord fighting the basketball battle, won two games last week, one with the WAVES at Treasure Island, score 52-26; one with the WACs at Fairfield, score 28-16.

Vivian Bloxson and Grace Burke were both separated from the service this week. Vivian, whose husband is expecting a furlough in the near future, is busy with plans for the trip they expect to take back to Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Get well wishes to the five members of the detachment who are currently patients here in the hospital—Frances Black, Helen Brown, Marjorie May, Stella Goodman and Josephine Porter.

Nellie Johnsen and Olive (Golden) Deal visited former WAC friends last week who are now at Fort Miley.

Bessie Bledsoe has gone home to Georgia on furlough. Maybe absence does make the heart grow fonder, but no sooner did a very special masculine friend of Bessie's arrive in California from Percy Jones, with station now at Camp Stoneman, than Bessie took off for Georgia. Of course arrangements for the furlough had been made before his arrival.

Some of the members of the detachment have become so enthusiastic lately about saluting that two of the girls got carried away and saluted a Tech Sergeant.

Elsie LePitre is back on the day shift again after over a year on night duty. She liked working nights, but says she isn't having any trouble getting adjusted to looking the sun in the face again.

Humility is the part of wisdom, and is most becoming in men. But let no one discourage self-reliance; it is, of all the rest, the greatest quality of true manliness.—Louis Kossuth.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Week of 22 February, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Mass daily during Lent at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Thousand U. S. Soldiers in Five Million Had Cancer

(AFPS)—In a survey taken of 5,000,000 members of the Armed Forces during World War II, only 1,000 cases of cancer of the skin or lip were discovered, according to Lieut. Col. Joseph L. Beriner, of the Army Institute of Pathology.

He said the greatest prevalence of the disease was found among troops from Texas and California. Also, that smoking is of "relatively little importance" as a cause of skin and lip cancer.

Colonel Beriner stated that the survey showed that cancer can no longer be regarded as a disease of the aged; that it is being found more and more in the 19 to 35 age group.

Library

The Freedom Train is a-comin' to San Francisco. Before you climb aboard read "Heritage of Freedom; an official book of the Freedom Train." In it are the history and significance of each of the more than 125 documents which are on exhibit, including about thirty facsimiles of the most important. Here are the basic landmarks in the development of American history—from a letter by Christopher Columbus, to the SHAEF flag from World War II. The author, Frank Monaghan, is historical consultant of the American Heritage Foundation, had charge of the research in connection with collecting and exhibiting the documents and writes the explanatory comments on each. He was formerly on the faculty of Yale University, and has been a scholarly collector of Americana throughout his entire career. In the Library.

ON THE SPOT



EDWARD W. SANS
Technician Fourth Grade

T/4 Edward W. Sans of of Educational Reconditioning Branch has had a very interesting career during his short period of Army service.

Ed, as he is commonly known, entered the service in San Francisco on 1 May 1946 and was immediately assigned to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland, for eight weeks of basic training. After finishing basic, Ed attended the Fire Control Instrument Repair School for three months in the Army Ordnance School at Aberdeen.

After finishing the course and taking a short furlough, Ed went overseas in November 1946, landing at Leghorn, Italy. He was immediately sent to the 85th Ordnance Base Depot at Leghorn and did his entire overseas "hitch" with this unit.

During his tour of duty in Italy, Ed was sent to Stuttgart, Germany, to attend the Army Information School, and after his return to the 85th, he was assigned to their I & E Branch.

Ed left Italy in December 1947 on the last American troopship to leave Italy. According to Ed, this historic event was an occasion for the Italians to put on quite a show, including speeches by several Generals and Admirals and even parades.

After his return to the States Ed went on a furlough and then was assigned to the Replacement Pool at Fort Ord. From there he came to Letterman, and was immediately assigned to Educational Reconditioning.

Ed was born in San Jose, California in March 1928. He attended grade school there and in several other cities. All of his high school attendance, however, was at Sacramento. He worked as assistant manager of a theatre during his schooling there.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Raymond Adams of Ward 28, who was recently married, has now settled down to serious housekeeping. Ray commutes between the Hospital and his home, coming in for treatments.

According to his wardmates, **Joe "Elmer" Case** of Ward D-2 is the original suffocation "kid." Joe is allergic to any and all kinds of fresh air.

The "Frank Sinatra" of Ward E-1 is **Joseph Abreo**. Joe is taking (and seriously too) piano and voice lessons. Joe promises free tickets for his first debut to all the fellows on the ward.

Frank Douglas of Ward D-2 is one of the most popular men on the ward. Frank has all kinds of company, mostly feminine.

The Occupational Therapy "Photo" Department gets unusually large turnouts for its field trips. In addition to a charming chaperone, **Sally Craig**, they had steaks and beer during the most recent one at the Pacific Rod and Gun Club.

There is a bed in Ward F-1 which is called the "O'Connor" bed. **Daniel P. O'Connor** is now occupying it after a prolonged occupation by **Archie E. O'Connor**.

Technical Sergeant **John Smith** of Ward C-2 is a man who is always ready to make a dollar. A few days ago, John asked recently commissioned Lieut. **Louisa Lindow** if anyone had saluted her yet. Upon receiving a negative answer, John gave her the old "one, two" by the number, and promptly demanded his dollar as the first one to break the ice. Louisa paid off like an "Officer and a Lady."

Jerry Lundin of Ward 8 must be "bucking" for a photographer's job when he is a civilian again. Apparently, from some of his handiwork, he is well qualified.

"Plumber" **Red Rorick** of Ward D-2 is now known as "Roaring Red" since he has become mobile. "Red" has rigged up quite an apparatus.

Charles Drew of Ward D-2 has two very regular habits, playing poker and sleeping all morning. Charles puts his heart into both of them.

Henry Reams of Ward F-2 had his wardmates worried for a while the other day because the M. P.'s

were after him. All that they wanted, however, was for Henry to sign the payroll. Henry is a member of the 9206 M.P. Detachment at Oakland Army Base.

It looks like **Gilbert Giorso** of Ward E-2 is planning on staying for a while. Gilbert had all his radio equipment (and what equipment) shipped to him from his home. It practically hides his bed. Drop in and get a load of that HQ-129-X.

If you hear something like "Hi Ho Tripper" coming from Ward E-2, you can blame it on **Jack Latham**, whom the boys accuse of planning to become a double for Roy Rogers, the cowboy crooner. If resemblance between the two means anything, Jack is well qualified.

Peter Smith, age seven, is the youngest addition to Ward D-2. Pete keeps his money and cap pistol side by side on his table. Not a bad idea in that ward, Pete.

The boys on Ward 28 say they are getting ready for the next payday. They are redecorating the ward.

To straighten out something on Ward E-1: "**Ernest Wrangel** is not responsible for all the gossip concerning the ward that appears in this column." Look around, fellows, it might be your own best friend.

A lot of fellows talk about going back home to see their girl, etc., but **James Blackwood** of Ward D-2 talks about his dog. A greater love hath no man.

Clarence Bringle of Ward B-1 is getting ready to set up housekeeping the hard way (physically not financially) by furnishing the lumber and building himself a set of twin beds in the O. T. Shop.

Joseph Herron of Ward E-2 is accused by the boys of having "bedroom eyes." Joe, however, denies the charge and says that it is nothing more or less than his extra long eyelashes.

The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs has authorized an extension of the time for reinstatement of both term and converted National Service Life Insurance on a comparative health basis up to and including 31 July 1948. Prior to this extension applicants had only until midnight of 31 December 1947 to accomplish such reinstatements.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ELLA M. DODSON
Technician Third Grade

When T/3 Ella Dodson arrived at Letterman recently from Percy Jones, she was pleased to be assigned to EKG Section, to do the same type of work she had done on her last assignment. In the mornings she works on the wards, taking electro-cardiograms, and the afternoons she develops and mounts them. She says the grams tell everything about the heart action "except whether you're in love or not."

Ella was born in Juniata, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Hollidaysburg in the same state, and before coming into the Army she worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Her brother was in the Army, and she wanted to do her part, too, so in April 1943 she enlisted in the WAC. She went to Fort Devens, Massachusetts for her basic training, then to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for Motor Corps training.

Her first assignment was at Fort Custer, Michigan, where she was on duty as company driver and mail clerk. She was there until March 1947, then went to Percy Jones General Hospital. After working in the Motor Pool there for a short time, she was assigned to EKG Section, and trained in the work there.

Although she had always wanted to see the West Coast, Ella was sorry to leave Percy Jones because she had liked it there so well. She has liked life in the Army well enough so that she may decide to stay in if the bill to make the WAC a part of the Regular Army is passed.

Ella enjoys sports (as a spectator, that is) in her free time, and at present her leisure time activities might be designated as a "three-S" program—scenery, shows and skating. She likes roller skating and already has the addresses of the local rinks.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Wedding bells will ring today for Eulalia Beebee of Dental Clinic and Joseph Marea of the Brace Shop. They will be married in Reno, and their wedding announcements say that they will be at home after 28 February at 3155 Broderick Street.

Rebecca Garcia of the Chaplain's office, who underwent an emergency operation last month, was welcomed back to the office this week. She is coming in this week for just a few hours a day, but expects to be here full time next week.

Esther Kleinclaus of the Detachment of Patients office, who has been on sick leave for four weeks, was also welcomed back to duty. So far she doesn't feel quite as good as new, but is expecting to any day now.

Esther Grobler of Civilian Personnel put in her eight hours a day going to school at Stilwell Hall at Crissy Field this past week. She attended a course in Employee Utilization.

They're taking turns having the flu in the Pathology Laboratory. Stella Jackson returned this week after a bout with it, during which she lost her voice for several days, to find that her co-worker, Betty Bennett, was on sick leave.

Betsy Funston is now known as the pinch-hitter of the second floor, Administration Building. She is assigned to Separation Office, but in recent weeks she has filled in during sick leave absences in two other offices—the Chaplain's and the Insurance office. Pretty soon she'll have a desk's-eye of a variety of jobs.

Harriet Baken and Hannah Goldberg of Education Reconditioning spent an afternoon this week on the U. S. campus in Berkeley. Their visit was not frivolous, but strictly scholastic.

Up in Finance Office they say they can tell it's Spring just by looking at Jurgen Rasmussen—it's that extra spring in his step.

Margery Granger of Separation Office was pleasantly surprised this week when her husband, who is a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, arrived home from Saipan a month before she expected him.

Alfreda Matthews, formerly of the file section, stopped in to see her friends when she was here last week getting shots preparatory to going overseas next month.

THERE'S MORE TO HER STORY THAN JUST "SHE COMES AND SHE GOES"



Miss YVONNE de CHAVIGNY PERRY
She gives her time to teach art at Letterman

For more than a year now, Miss Yvonne Perry has been coming to Letterman one day each week to give her time to teach patients who are interested in art. Shortly after she first came, more than 20 patients were taking instruction from her. More than half of those she has taught, who have since left the hospital, have gone on to art school.

Miss Perry is a native San Franciscan, the daughter of a retired Army officer, Colonel O. B. Perry. She has studied art with private teachers ever since she was a child. She first came to Letterman shortly after her return from the East, where she was graduated from Westover, a finishing school in Middlebury, Connecticut. At present she is studying art under Antonio Sotomayor (she refers to herself as his apprentice), who is nationally known as a caricaturist, water-colorist, oil painter and muralist. This week he was appointed a member of the San Francisco Art Commission.

Letterman is not the only place where Miss Perry gives her time to help others. She also spends one day a week at the Canon Kip clinic, San Francisco community center, where she works with children. The murals in the nursery and playroom there are her work. The remainder of the week she spends studying at Sotomayor's studio.

Another of Miss Perry's interests is writing, and she has done some work with the short story. In sports she enjoys horseback riding and swimming, and says she likes to "do a little bit of everything," but with no particular emphasis on any one diversion. In fact she calls herself a "chaise longue athlete," but her slim grace makes that paradoxical statement hard to believe.

"There's really nothing about me that couldn't be said in five words," she remarked. "She comes and she goes." But the appreciative patients with whom she has worked tell a different story.



To Major and Mrs. Willis E. Kookan, a boy, **George Edward**, born 10 February.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Floyd Ward, a boy, **Allan Sandy**, born 10 February.

To First Sergeant and Mrs. Jack O. Weiss, a girl, **Pamela Ann**, born 11 February.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Robert E. Orem, a son, **Michael Le Conte**, born 12 February.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Alfred E. Hunter, a boy, **Stephen Barrand**, born 13 February.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Olins Michaels, a girl, **Leslie Jann**, born 13 February.

To Lieut. Col. and Mrs. James H. Gordon, a boy, **Henry Newton**, born 13 February.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Din Moon Yee, a girl, **Dorothy**, born 13 February.

To Captain and Mrs. Henry Garrett, a boy, **Henry Berry**, born 15 February.

Conductor: No smoking, sir.

Passenger: I'm not smoking.

Conductor: You've got your pipe in your mouth.

Passenger: I've got my shoes on too, but I'm not walking.

Hot Air

(AFPS) — A Naval Ordnance scientist, Dr. Everett F. Cox, has discovered that the air 100 miles above the earth is more than hot enough to boil water under conditions existing on the earth's surface. At a height of 20 miles, he said, there is a spring-like temperature of 70 degrees, and at 45 miles up, there is a cold layer of 150 degrees below zero.

A-Tests Under Wraps

Washington (AFPS) — Only American observers will be invited to witness A-bomb tests at Eniwetok, the Atomic Energy Commission said in a recent report to Congress. In the 1946 tests at Bikini, representatives of Russia and other nations were present.

"Did you participate in many engagements in the Pacific?" an inquiring old lady asked of a returned soldier.

"Only five," he replied with modesty.

"And you came through all of them unhurt?"

"Not exactly," he replied sadly. "I married the fifth."

MEDICAL DETACH

Sergeant George Adams of Information and Orientation is bragging about the mechanical condition of his "Gas Buggy." He should, because he paid \$200.00 for the privilege after buying it.

T/5 Dave McGehee of the 1st Sergeant's Office is a very recent member of the Letterman "Pappy Club." He is the father of a 7-pound girl. Dave survived the ordeal in good shape.

Corporal Roland Harlow of the Permanent Records Section is getting a lot of phone calls lately. According to his barracks mates however, "he gives as good as he takes" and keeps the wires hot in reverse.

T/5 Joseph Poland of the 1st Sgts. Office, that perpetual source of information "for" and heckler "of" the Fog Horn is on a three-day pass.

S/Sgt. Gordon Harrow, Ramp Supervisor, has 23 years service, mostly with the 24th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia. Gordon says that his feet are getting too big for the "Doughfoots" and he hopes to finish his "30" right here at Old Letterman.

T/4 Earl Brewer of Classification and Assignment is being discharged next week. Earl plans to enter the University of Texas.

Technical Sergeant Harry D. Melvin of the G. U. Clinic has had that "New Look" in ward white trousers for much longer than the current fad. That is, the cuff of the trousers 12 inches from the floor.

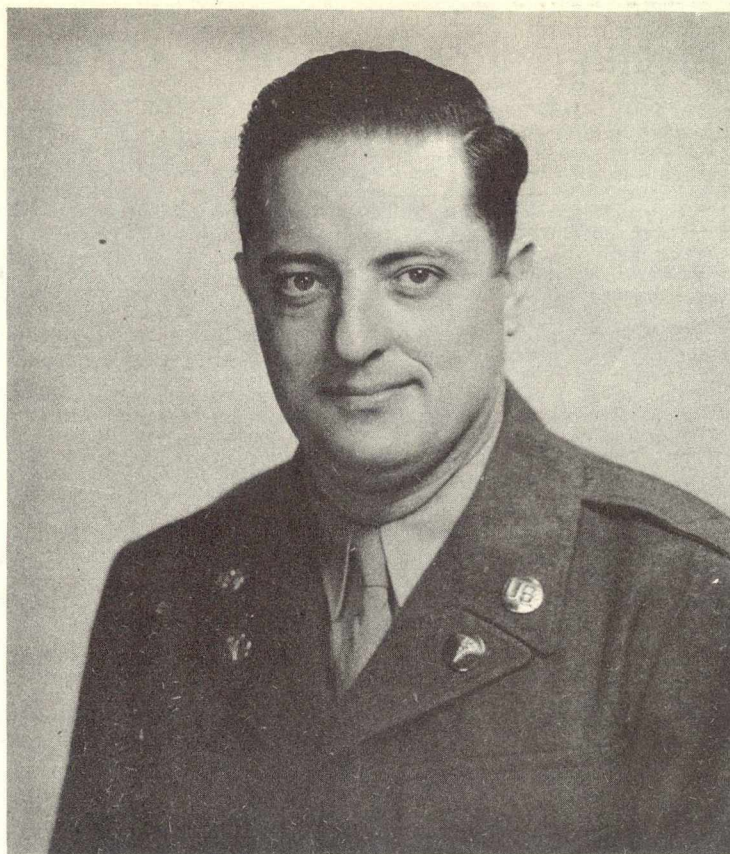
M/Sgt. Henry P. Smith, N.C.O. in charge of Letterman's E. M. barracks, is known far and wide as "Landlord" Smith.

M/Sgt. John Rapach of the Personnel Office says that every Monday morning he has Virus triple X of the stomach and that nothing will cure it except three cups of steaming, ink-black coffee.

T/4 John Heron, Wardmaster of Ward F-1, is getting a dose (literally, of course) of his own medicine. John is a patient on Ward C-1.

Recruiting figures for December 1947 jumped 19.17 percent above those for the same month in 1946. Total enlistments during the past December were 20,523 as compared to 17,221 in December 1946.

LGH STAR BOWLER BACK AND READY TO TRY OUT THE NEW BOWLING ALLEY



T/Sgt. CHARLES E. WILCOX
Back at LGH with a new skill

Back home after a six-month absence, T/Sgt. Charles E. Wilcox, NCO in charge of the machine shop, says that Letterman looks even better than ever to him, which makes it above par. Sergeant Wilcox spent that six months at the St. Louis Medical Depot, taking a course in electronics and x-ray maintenance. There were 60 men taking the course—30 Army and 30 Navy personnel. Fifty were graduated; the rest flunked out.

Not only did Sgt. Wilcox graduate, he came back with a trophy of his prowess as a bowler. In addition to the bowling laurels he won during the war years on the Letterman bowling team, he now has the title of St. Louis Medical Depot bowling championship. The above-mentioned trophy is a handsome wrist watch.

There was a time when the stories of the LGH bowling team in the Fog Horn practically always carried the line "Wilcox was the high bowler of the evening, in both individual game and series scores." Now that he's back, the recently formed bowl-

ing league will doubtless be bidding for his services.

Although he was born in Colorado Springs, he has lived most of his life in California, growing up in Fresno, so he naturally calls himself a Californian. Before he joined the Army he worked for Underwood and Elliott-Fisher for four years, and learned all the intricacies of repair work on typewriters, adding and calculating machines. He enlisted in August 1937, and all during his more than ten years in the service he has been stationed at Letterman, and assigned to the machine shop. To his former skill he has now added, by means of the course just completed, a knowledge of repair techniques for medical supply equipment in general, with special emphasis on x-ray equipment.

During the course at St. Louis, Sgt. Wilcox had a Christmas furlough, and came back to his home in Fresno to enjoy it—came by way of Santa Anita so the horses would know their good friend and faithful spectator hadn't forgotten them.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Physical reconditioning got under way in the H.T.S. this last week. Cpl. Reginald "Tiny" Johnson is in charge of a variety of athletic sports which have found a place for each E. M. in the outfit. Even Pfc. Gonzales ("Vince") now has hopes of becoming a 5' 11", 190 pound superman.

T/Sgt. Melvin Drasher is really serious in his thinking about life after the "knot" is tied. In a conversation heard recently, he stated that he would present the "Mrs." with a rolling-pin labeled "for baking purposes only." 1st/Sgt. Sol. Allen promptly added: "It sure can make your head look like an O-ven, to." What was your reply, Sgt.???

Crissy Annex was really humming early this last week, with the arrival of the U.S.A. Hospital Ship, Comfort. Wardmasters needed only to dust up their wards. 1st/Sgt. Tea Garland, in charge of Details, has kept his men well schooled in taking care of the little odds-and-ends jobs. The patients will have only a brief stay here at Crissy, and should be on their way to hospitals nearer to their homes early next week.

T/5's Johnson (James L.) and Lawrence Tibodeau have returned from leave, and they tell of the train they were riding running into a snowbank. Nope, they still won't exchange their homes in that state of theirs (Minnesota) for anything here in sunny California.

"Night flyers" have been covering lower C-46. Since T/5 William Mauer and T/5 Hugh Jones have taken up flying lessons, they find it cheaper to get some "flight time" in at night (at their friends' expense). Mauer was seen early in the A. M. one morning this week, sitting straight up in his sack trying to pull out of a dive. Jones too, was having trouble rolling from side to side wondering what was "coming up" under him. You might say it's "love," for they've got that "lighter than air feeling." Just don't practice any jumps, boys.

The box for suggestions for this column is in the outer orderly room. Let's all use it and help make this a better column. You make it! You know it! Let's hear it!

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Although farm management training under the GI Bill ordinarily is limited to one veteran on a single farm, Veterans Administration has announced three conditions under which two veterans may take this training on the same farm.

This program is part of the institutional one-farm training program which combines classroom instruction with practical farming. To qualify for the farm management instruction, a veteran must own his own farm or have economic control of a farm.

Those veterans who do not own their own farm may take institutional on-farm training as employee-trainees of a successful farmer approved by the farm training institution.

The conditions which will qualify two veterans for farm management training on the same farm are:

(1) The approved training institution and VA must find that conditions on the farm will assure successful training and subsequent self-employment on the same farm for both veterans.

(2) The training of both veterans must meet all requirements specified in Public Law 377 which established the institutional on-farm training programs.

(3) The two veterans must furnish documentary evidence that they have formed a bona fide partnership, with equal authority in the management and operation of the farm.

Under no circumstances will VA permit a veteran to enter training as an employee-trainee on the farm of another veteran enrolled for farm management training.

The new ruling also cautions farm training institutions to exercise extreme care to determine that a bona fide training situation exists for each veteran when more than one veteran is enrolled as an employee-trainee on the same farm.

Almost 87 per cent of the 203,000 World War II veterans enrolled for institutional on-farm training under the GI Bill are training on farms under their control. The remainder are training as employee-trainee on farms approved by the training institution.

Wife: "What! Bathing your feet with your socks on?"

Husband: "Absolutely necessary, my dear—the water's so cold."

SKITORIAL

Discussions in Troop Information Meetings Broaden Soldier Outlook

(AFPS)—Al had the bunk next to Sniffy's. He had just come in and was hanging up his overcoat.

"Man," he said, "it burns me up."

"What now?" Al smiled. Sniffy put the hanger over the edge of the locker door.

"High prices," Sniffy grumbled, "high prices. Man, I spent enough money on that three-day pass to outfit a bride."

"You ain't just a-joshin', son," Al said. "It takes a small fortune to get a decent-sized hamburger in town, especially if you want mustard and onions." Al moved over to make room for Sniffy to sit down.

"Me," Sniffy said, "I'm for deflation. High prices are all the fault of the big corporations an' black markets and that stuff. Makes me sore."

This was all Lew could take. He had been sitting on his bunk and reading, but could not help overhearing the conversation. He closed his book and came over.

"You guys get my goat," he said, sitting on the edge of the bunk.

"How daya mean, chum," Al asked.

"This business of breezing over national affairs—high prices and black markets. You're talking like a couple o' junior morons."

"Get him," Sniffy smiled. "The sage of 'E' Barracks speaks."

"Yeah," Lew said. "Well at least I got a decent idea of what it's all about."

"Sure ya have," Sniffy said. "All ya do is read yer books and listen to the radio. Any joker can learn stuff doin' that. Ya proud?"

"Maybe I am," Lew said, "but that's beside the point. You can get a good idea about the current world situation without ever listening to the radio or reading the papers."

"Whatcha got, a direct wire to the President's kitchen?"

"Don't be a clown, will ya," Lew was almost angry. "If you would pay some attention at those Troop Information discussions and lectures each week, you'd know yourself what makes prices high."

"Are you serious," Lew wanted to know. "Why that's all canned stuff. Talk. What daya get out o' stuff like that?"

"Maybe not too much," Lew said, "because there isn't enough time for everything. But at least you get the basic facts, and you get 'em straight. If you listened to the talk on inflation last month, you wouldn't sound so silly when you talk about it to Sniffy."

"Well," Al admitted, "the facts are all right. But those discussions get me. A bunch of fellows shooting off their mouths. What da they know about it? Certainly no more than me an' Sniffy. Leastwhile, most of 'em anyhow."

"All right," Lew answered, "maybe each joker doesn't know too much. But when they all pool their thoughts, they find out. When they say something wrong, the discussion leader or another soldier corrects them. The leaders are trained and they have those Armed Forces Talks to guide them, and it's all straight factual dope."

"So?" said Sniffy.

"So this," Lew said. "You don't go wandering around with any false impressions or whacky ideas like you guys were spouting before. You'll know what it's all about. Instead of griping about things here in the barracks, get up at the discussions and spout off. And, I guarantee, if you'll get into the act, you'll both enjoy it and learn something to boot."

"When's the next discussion group?" asked Sniffy, timidly.

"Tomorrow. It's on India."

"O.K., chumley, we'll go with you on one condition. You give me an' Al the dope on India tonight, so's we can get up and have something to say tomorrow."

"Any time," Lew smiled. "It's a deal."

The Navy: "Hello, girls, wouldn't care to go with us, would you?"

The Marines: "Hello, girls, you'll go with us, won't you?"

The Army: "Hello, girls, where are we going?"

"And so I told her that I loved her and that we'd be married in the Summer."

"July?"

"No, I meant it."

Inspector: "What are you looking for?"

KP: "I just rinsed the ice in this warm water and now I can't find it."

Traffic cop: "Say, you! Didn't you see me wave at you?"

Sweet young thing: "Yes, but you're wasting your time. I'm engaged to be married."

EDUCATIONAL RECONDITIONING

There is still time to enroll in the following Spring Classes at the University of California Extension Division. All courses which cost less than \$15 are paid for by the Army 501 Fund and are offered to service personnel, both duty and patient, on their off-duty hours. For those courses which cost more than \$15, the Army will pay three-fourths of the total cost, the enrollee pays only one-fourth:

Elementary Color

Drawing and Painting from Life
Personnel and Industrial Psychology

Pottery

Acting for Radio

Strength of Materials

Applied Calculus for Engineers
and Chemists

Architectural Drawing

Review of Civil Engineering

Elementary Design in Reinforced
Concrete

Structural Design

Tool Engineering

Creative Writing of Poetry

Practical English

Chinese Art

Labor Statistics in Collective

Bargaining

Elements of Economics

Furnishing Today's Home

Dramatics

Engineering Drawing

Applied Differential Equations for

Engineers and Chemists

Analysis of Indeterminate

Structures

Construction Costs and Estimating

Introduction to Continuity of

Framed Structures

Engineering Statics

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Literature

Conversational French

Survey of Popular Music

Beginning Piano

Advanced Piano

The Bible as Literature

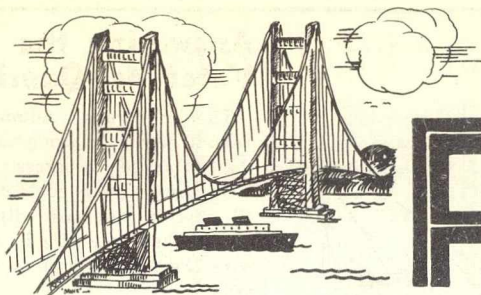
Workshop in Magazine Writing

French for Graduate Students

Voice

Intermediate Piano

Stop in the E/R Office, Bldg. No. 1039, for further information about above courses.



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Surgeon General Presents Suggestion Committee Award

A cash award for an employee suggestion was presented this week by Major General Raymond W. Bliss, the surgeon General of the Army, to Miss Alice Torgerson of Finance Division. General Bliss was here with the advisory group appointed by the Secretary of Defense to survey medical facilities of the armed forces.

In presenting the check, General Bliss commended Miss Torgerson for the interest in her work which caused her to make the suggestion for job improvement.

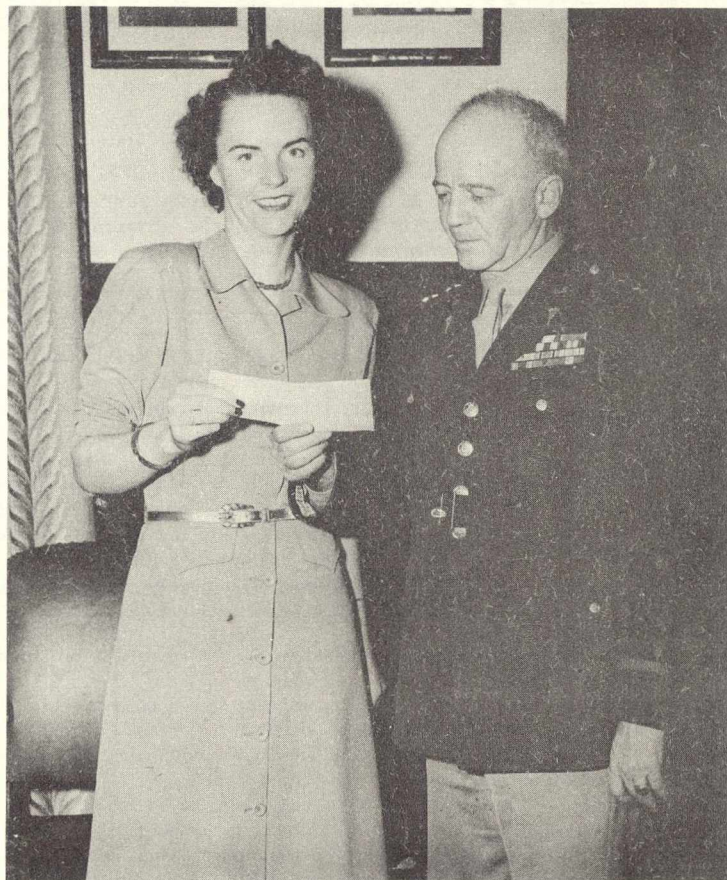
Miss Torgerson's award was \$15. The amount of the cash award is based upon the savings it effects, and her suggestion resulted in a saving of both man hours and material—130 man hours and 1000 3x5 cards a year. This was accomplished by the elimination of a locator card file heretofore maintained in Officers' Personnel Section.

The suggestion, as submitted to the Committee, was as follows:

"1. Officers' Personnel Section has been performing a housekeeping duty of posting Special Orders and Admittance and Disposition sheets to a 3 x 5 locator card. From this card, Form 14-5 (Pay Record card) is posted on miscellaneous matters affecting pay, i. e. AWOL information, sick leave, addresses for check vouchers, etc., or Form 14-5 pulled in the event the officer is transferred from this installation. Estimated time to perform this duty each day, one-half hour.

"2. The voucher typist stamped the date of preparation of regular monthly vouchers (prepared from Form 14-5) on the locator card.

"3. It is suggested that: (1) No part of this housekeeping duty be



RECEIVES AWARD FOR SUGGESTION

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, the Surgeon General of the Army, who arrived at Letterman on Tuesday, presents Miss Alice Torgerson of Finance Division with the check awarded by the Suggestion Committee for her idea for work simplification.

performed and that the officers themselves be responsible to notify Officers Pay Section of any leave address to which they desire a check voucher mailed and of any other changes affecting their pay; (2) that the Central Clearing Office notify Officers' Pay prior to departure from this installation. (3) The voucher typist stamp the date of preparation of regular monthly pay vouchers on the pay card, Form 14-5."

Both military and civilian personnel are eligible to submit work improvement ideas to the Employee Suggestion Committee. Awards range from \$10 to \$250 for civilians, and military awards may take the form of furlough or promotions, depending upon the value of the idea. It is necessary only to write out the suggestion and submit it to the committee, in order to have it receive consideration for an award.

Secretary Forrestal Presents Revised Disabled Pay Plan

(AFPS) — Comprehensive recommendations for overhauling the system of payment of military personnel for disability retirement have been submitted to Congress by Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal, he disclosed recently.

The submitted program provides for immediate re-examination of all personnel of the Armed Services who have been retired for disability since 1939, and provides also for periodic re-examination hereafter.

Secretary Forrestal said that the present system is archaic, and that it has been in effect since "two weeks after the first battle of Bull Run."

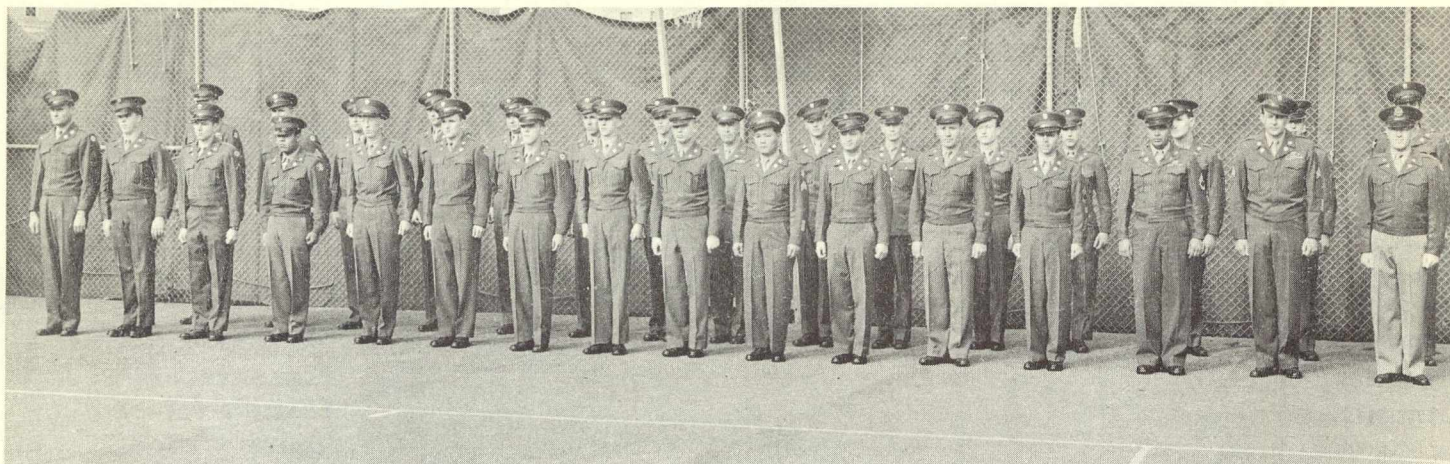
The proposed program provides that physical disability pensions be based strictly on the percentage of actual incapacity for duty, instead of the present plan, which provides for payment of three-quarters of last active duty pay.

Secretary Forrestal's plan also would make disability payments equally applicable to all personnel of the Armed Forces, including "regular and reserve, officer and enlisted."

The recommendations for the new plan also provide that tax exemption should affect only that proportion of pay which represents actual disability. At present all disability pay is exempt from Federal taxation.

Re-examination of personnel retired for disability every two years in "least severe" cases, and every five years for "intermediate" cases, is recommended in the new plan. Those persons who are shown by the initial re-examination to be "severely and permanently" disabled would be exempt from further examination.

Salute to the MP Section of Security and Intelligence



MILITARY POLICE SECTION AT WEEKLY INSPECTION

Members of the Military Police Section of the Division of Security and Intelligence ready for weekly inspection by the Provost Marshal, First Lieut. Knute Tofte-Neilsen (extreme right). At the extreme left is Master Sergeant William T. Rogers, commander of the guard.

"Responsibility for the security of the hospital" is the primary duty of the Military Police Section of the Security and Intelligence Division, and the MPs form the main group of that division. Activities of the division are directed by the Provost Marshal, First Lieut. Knute Tofte-Neilsen, MSC.

The present strength of Security and Intelligence Division is 47. The majority of the personnel assigned are with the 9956 TSU-SGO enlisted section, with a few from the 6930 ASU enlisted section.

The division has four sections: Military Police Section, Administrative Section, Investigation Section and Traffic Section. Thirty-five men are assigned to Military Police Section; three to Administrative; three to Investigation, and five to Traffic.

Master Sergeant William T. Rogers, who has been at Letterman since 1940, is commander of the guard, in charge of the Military Police Section. During the war Sergeant Rogers coped with a situation in which he was the only Army man, and all the guards were civilians, but since 1946 he has had enlisted personnel again for that duty.

Listed among the duties of the MPs is the raising of the flag at reveille and lowering it at retreat. From the MP section are drawn the men to serve as honor guards on special occasions, such as the occasion this week when the Surgeon General and distinguished guests arrived on the post. An armed guard is on hand at any time the colors are on display.

Guards are furnished for the pay tables each month. The MPs serve as prisoner escorts when prisoner patients are transferred to other hospitals, and also accompany prisoner patients to the various clinics here for treatments.

In the next few weeks the men on MP duty here at the hospital will be wearing helmets, gloves, lanyards and leggings, all of white. The helmets will have a maroon band (the Medical Department color) and the monogram LGH.

At present two members of the MP Section are at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., taking a three-month course in special Military Police training. These men, T/Sgt. Lewis B. Stewart and S/Sgt. William Morales, will act as instructors in this specialized training upon their return to Letterman after completion of the course.

The Administrative Section of Security and Intelligence is responsible for all reports and all paper work of the division. Master Sergeant Erich P. Matthews, as Chief Clerk and Provost Sergeant, heads this section.

Reports of crimes committed in the hospital area are turned over to the Investigation Section, which is headed by T/Sgt. Raymond Barton. After investigation a report is made to the CO of the individuals involved, and disciplinary action is determined upon. The section maintains liaison with the civil police, the FBI, the Treasury Department and the Criminal Investigation Department. An investigation which

Library

"Leave My Old Morale Alone," by A. P. Herbert is a one-volume edition of six books that kept the British laughing from 1938 through 1945, even when rations were scarce and bombs were not. It includes satires of Goering, Goebbels, and Mussolini. There is a paean in praise of an egg; an ode for oil, and collections of dialogues. For instance, on May 10, 1942, someone wrote:

"Justice for Germany," the good men plead.

No, no, that would be barbarous indeed!

Justice to Prussia? Justice to the Hun?

We could not be so harsh to anyone."

The compiler, Alan Patrick Herbert, has for a long time been recognized as one of England's top humorists. He has written several novels, appears regularly in Punch, is a lawyer, and a writer of revues and musical comedies.

involves civilians on the post is turned over to the FBI.

The Traffic Section takes care of the registration of cars and is responsible for enforcing traffic regulations and making traffic surveys in the hospital area. T/Sgt. Clifford Twombly is in charge of this section.

Many an amusing incident highlights the work of the Division, particularly in the MP Section, but MPs just don't talk—about their work, that is.

Sixth Army Semi-Final Basketball Championship

The Sixth Army Semi-Final Basketball Championship tournament was held at Fort Ord last week with the Letterman men's and women's teams participating.

In the men's tournament twelve teams were entered from four states in the Southern Division—California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. In the women's tournament, three teams were entered.

The men's games were hotly contested and since it was a double elimination tournament, a lot of basketball was played. The games started the morning of 17 February and continued into the evening for four days.

The LGH men's team beat Fort MacArthur in the first game, 61 to 27. In the second game, Letterman squeezed by the Presidio of San Francisco to the tune of 37 to 34. In the third game, Letterman met the home team, Fort-Ord, and took its first loss to the tune of 45 to 39. Letterman then played Camp Cooke, California, and beat them 55 to 23. Once more the men were in the semi-finals, and this time they played Oakland Army Base, losing 41 to 32.

The women's team was more fortunate. They won from the Presidio WAC team with a score of 27 to 24. This eliminated the Presidio team, and the LGH team went on to Fort Lewis for the finals.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



GUARD OF HONOR
Ready to receive the Surgeon General of the Army and distinguished guests.



PRESIDIO PITCH 'N PUTT COURSE
Golfers take advantage of a sunny day to work at perfecting their game.



LGH GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM
In a recent game they won from the Treasure Island WAVES. The LGH team went to Fort Ord last week, is at Fort Lewis this week for the Sixth Army championship finals.



THEY SANG FOR THE PATIENTS
Johnnie Johnson and Kathryn Grayson came to Letterman to entertain the patients last week. Above, accompanist Howard Eastwood plays for them on ward E-2.

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EDITORIAL

BROTHERHOOD

This week was American Brotherhood Week. It was observed nationally, and highlighted in San Francisco by the speech made here by Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of War and general chairman for Brotherhood week.

"Brotherhood begins in our back yard," said Mr. Patterson. "If we can develop that pattern of living together across the lines that divide us by race, religion and nationality, we shall be more competent to talk about world peace. Brotherhood is the pattern for peace."

The goal of the American Brotherhood campaign is to enroll millions of people in a brotherhood dedicated to the extension of freedom, justice and responsibility as the foundation stones of a peaceful world. Brotherhood is defined by the organization which sponsors it as "a willingness to give to others every right and dignity we claim for ourselves."

Brotherhood is a word with many implications. At times the progress made with such a concept seems discouragingly small. Among the adversaries of the concept are selfishness, prejudice and ignorance. It is necessary to educate for brotherhood. It is necessary to believe in it and live it as individuals.

One of the ten commandments of Good Will, which set forth the purposes embodied in the brotherhood concept is:

WAC

Carolyn Fix, who has been studying voice, had an audition with the San Francisco Municipal Chorus last week.

It seems that people are curious about the title of the book Catherine Mack is reading. But Catherine just isn't talking. Maybe a spy could look over her shoulder when she's engrossed in reading?

Rose Ruscak saw her first show at a drive-in theatre this past week end, and reports that she likes movies under the stars very much. There's even a portable canteen that brings food around during intermission, which makes going to a movie at a drive-in just about the ultimate in labor-saving devices.

The voices of the foghorns moaning low around the Bay remind Elsie Paulson of the ones she used to hear on Lake Superior, she says. Wonder if the Lake Superior ones have the amazing variety of tone that our local ones have?

Bessie Jeffries spent the holiday week end enjoying a three-day pass in Los Angeles.

Mary Davis was one of the lucky ones at the NCO club the other night, winning some handy cash at Bingo.

The girls in Barracks 212 (upstairs division) are reported to be going in for exercises in a big way. Among those in the calisthenic-minded group are Carolyn Wirt, Janice Deming, Kitty Kelly and Grace Burke. Grace recently suffered a broken wrist, but denies that it was caused by too-strenuous exercise.

Caroline Powers and T/Sgt. Gerold H. Roberts were married in San Francisco on 1 February. Sergeant Roberts, who is at present stationed at Fort Lewis, recently completed a course at the Cooks and Bakers School at the Presidio.

Captain Charlotte Woodworth came back from Fort Ord following the basketball tournament temporarily minus her voice, having lost it in the cheering section.

"I will do more than live and let live—I will live and help live."

He who sincerely and conscientiously lives up to this concept, discarding unreasonable prejudices, will find a new and satisfying relationship with his fellow man.



Major Mary M. Steppan, ANC, left this week for Washington, D. C., where she will spend a few days before going on to take a two-week course in ward administration at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing.

First Lieut. Ellia R. Craig, ANC, of EENT Surgery is enjoying a five-day leave.

Everyone who had dinner in the nurses' dining room on Washington's birthday was pleasantly surprised by the special decorations and the place cards which proclaimed "I cannot tell a lie." And there were American flags for favors, too.

Our sympathy to First Lieut. Lorraine E. Greenough, ANC, in the death of her mother. Lieut. Greenough returned to duty this week from Tacoma, Washington.

Our apologies to First Lieut. Millie Tohill, ANC, for using her name in a recent item when the name should have been First Lieut. Mollie Tewell, ANC.

Captain Arelene Burkhead, ANC, is a patient on ward P, and is much missed from her own duty wards, K-1 and 3.

Captain Vida Buehler, WMSC, chief of Physical Therapy, received word this week from the SGO that she has been nominated for appointment in the Regular Army.

First Lieut. Frances DesPrez of Physical Therapy and Nancy Cooke of N-P Service spent their holiday week end skiing up at Donner Summit.

Welcome to an ANC newcomer—First Lieut. Annabel M. Christiansen, ANC, who arrived last week from Percy Jones General Hospital. She is on duty on ward B-1.

First Lieuts. Aileen Lasse and Emily Mueller of Physical Therapy spent the week end at Echo Lake, near Lake Tahoe. Other members of the PT staff who took off for the week end were First Lieut. Leah Crawford, who went to Santa Monica, and First Lieuts. Dorothy Glidden and Ruth Campbell, who went to Carmel.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 29 February, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Mass daily during Lent at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Seek New Shoe For Army Use

(AFPS)—Experiments are being conducted at Fort Knox to design a shoe for the Army which will reduce the strain on the bones of the feet and make marching easier.

The experiments toward improved design of military clothing are part of a research program being conducted by the Medical Department's Field Research Laboratory.

Research is also being made to find better and less bulky clothes for use in Arctic regions. As an example, plastic earphones have been developed to fit the individual ear and shut out cold, so protecting the ears of field radio operators.

Library

We have heard some rather strenuous disagreements and arguments over John Steinbeck's new book, "The Pearl." It is an old Mexican folk tale, of one Kino and his wife, Juana. Kino is a fisherman and discovers a huge pearl, the greatest pearl in the world—with it he can pay for treatment of the scorpion bite on his baby, and he dreams of the education it will buy for that same baby. We won't tell you how it all turns out, because you should read it. Whether you agree as to its social merits or not, you will be charmed with the good writing, the descriptions of the village life and the Mexican types, the land, the climate, the Gulf scene, even the various hours of the day. In the Library.

No great man lives in vain. The history of the world is but the biography of great men.—Thomas Carlyle.

ON THE SPOT



JOSEPH A. McELROY
Corporal

Corporal Joseph A. McElroy, patient on Ward 28, has crowded a lifetime of thrills and experiences into his Army career.

Joe enlisted in 1941 at Williamsport, Pennsylvania and took his basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. After finishing basic, he was assigned as a rifleman to the 23rd Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division which was located at "Fort Sam" at the time. After two years there, Joe went along with the 2nd to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, for winter maneuvers during the winter of 1942-43.

He went overseas with the 2nd in October 1943, landing at Belfast, Northern Ireland. After six months in Ireland, the Division was sent to England for pre-invasion maneuvers.

Joe landed in Normandy on D plus 1 (7 June 1944). He received the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action and was twice wounded but not hospitalized during this campaign. Joe is also a veteran of the Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns.

He was seriously wounded at Limburg, Germany, in 1945, and upon return to the States was sent to Harmon General Hospital, Longview, Texas. From there Joe went to Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, where he was discharged from the Army in February, 1946.

He re-enlisted 18 days later, and served with the M.P. Detachment at Fort Hancock, N. J., until November 1946. His next assignment was as a guard at the Disciplinary Barracks, Greenhaven, New York. Later he was transferred to the Disciplinary Barracks at Lampoc, California and served there until assigned to the Camp Stoneman Overseas Replacement Depot in June.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

"Rich" Richardson of Ward 8, a former "flyboy" cannot get away from it. "Rich" is now making his models (and they fly too) at his ward.

Harold Hall comes to the Occupational Therapy Clinic with the idea of doing some work, but according to the powers that run O. T., Harold is a better juggler than anything else.

Max Rohwer of Ward 1, the great "Simonizing Expert" has adopted Lieut. Lindow's automobile for rations and quarters. This column does not blame you, Max.

The big feud and big question on Ward B-2 is the following: "Which is the better General Hospital, Riley G. H. or Beaumont G. H.?" What's wrong with Letterman, boys?

Robert Ely of Ward B-2 has decided to go in for education in a big way. "Bob" is taking extension courses through Letterman's Educational Reconditioning Branch.

Ray Freston, a former long-time patient of Ward F-1, is now the proud "papa" of an 8 lb. girl. Congratulations, Ray.

According to the boys on Ward E-2, Emory Slade is well qualified for the name of "Deacon." A little praying never hurt anyone, did it, Emory?

Friday the 13th was strictly "superstition alley" for James Buckner of Ward F-1. Jim wanted to fly to Los Angeles that day but the boys said they just weren't flying.

Fred Watson of Ward F-1 is going back to "ye olde civilian life" again. Fred, who is a retired Master Sergeant, was stationed at Letterman for many years.

Walter Hanneberg of Ward E-2 is known as the "Amateur Doc." Walt gives his diagnosis free of charge. He is planning to take up the profession as soon as he gets out of the army.

"Plumber Red" or "Roaring Red" Rorick (take your choice) of Ward D-2 claims that his pipe is a shrink-

ing violet compared to the one that Joe "Elmer" Case puffs on.

Joe went overseas again in July and was stationed on Guam, where he was hospitalized shortly after arrival. He was sent to the 49th General Hospital in Tokyo, where he stayed until he was flown back to the States in November 1947. Joe was immediately sent to Letterman, which he has called home ever since.

ing violet compared to the one that Joe "Elmer" Case puffs on.

Harry Rippy, a long time resident of Ward C-1, is not hurting for an appetite according to his "buddy," Bill Ferguson. Bill says that he works up an appetite just carrying food to Harry.

The ward nurse of Ward B-2 is afraid to open her desk these days for fear of being deluged with table tennis balls. Drop in and get a load of the trophies that are being offered for the ward champ. Combs, Marik, Crouch and Hisey have the inside track at the present time.

Galen Lane of Ward D-2 is accused by his "wardmates" of having his hours mixed up. Galen sleeps all day and reads all night.

Edward Garrity of Ward C-1, the "great also-ran expert," has that twinkle in his eye again. Santa Anita must be paying off.

Thomas McCartney and James Martin of Ward E-2 are practicing for the battle of the century or something. Maybe the Golden Gloves. If you don't believe it, just take a look at their shoulders. Punching bags come cheaper, gentlemen.

Joe Mendes of Ward E-2 is taking the place of the "Red Cross." Joe was the special cigarette procurer during the recent ward shortage.

Harvey Chelf of Ward C-2 claims to have the best collection of Army insignia in Letterman today. After getting a glimpse of them this column is inclined to agree with Harvey.

Eugene Smith of Ward C-2 is going in for miniature racing in a big but old fashioned way. "Gene" believes in the gas propelled engine in preference to the jet propelled business.

The Letterman Camera Club is being re-organized, and will hold its first meeting under the new regime next Tuesday, 2 March, at 7 p. m. at the Recreation Center. Returnees from overseas will show pictures taken in the countries in which they served, and any other patients who have colored slides are urged to bring and show them.

Clarence Weber, Ward 28, was unanimously voted as the man most likely to eat us out of house and home.

WAC OF THE WEEK



BLANCHE TREMBLAY
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 Blanche Tremblay, who recently returned to duty on ward G-2 after a lengthy period spent as a patient, first enlisted in the WAC in May 1944. She liked Army life well enough to return to it a second time, but she is undecided about staying in if the WAC goes Regular Army.

She was born in Lake Placid, N. Y., and before she joined the Army was in the hairdressing business. She is a graduate of the Wilfred Academy of Hair and Beauty Culture in New York City. Her present plans are to take a refresher course in beauty work, and perhaps to open her own shop, either in California or in her home state.

During her first enlistment, Blanche was in the Air Force. After completing basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, she was assigned to the station hospital at Rome Army Air Base in Rome, N. Y., and remained there for 13 months, at the end of which she received her discharge. She was a civilian from June of 1945 until September 1946, when she re-enlisted in the WAC. This time she went to the station hospital at Camp Kilmer, N. J. She was a patient at Fort Dix for a time, then was sent to Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., for further treatment. After her recovery she came to Letterman, last September, and was assigned to Ward G-2.

Blanche's special interest outside her work is music. She had studied piano before coming into the Army, but since she has been in the WAC, she has taught herself to play the organ, was organist at Camp Kilmer, and is now organist for the Catholic services here at Letterman.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Gilbert Grady of the Finance office has just returned from a week spent at Timberland Lodge, near Lake Tahoe. The week was devoted to skiing, of course, since Gilbert is an expert at that tricky sport.

All the feminine members of Officers' Personnel bloomed forth one day this week with a uniform New Look. Uniform because every one of them wore a New Look scarf, tied in the same way and on the same side. They got admiring comments, too. The participants—Gloria Crisafulli, Marian Breach, Isabel Cannon, Phyllis Solon, Ella Stalling, Virginia Smith and Rita Jenicek.

Our sympathy to Stella Jackson of the Pathology Lab. whose mother suffered a stroke last week.

Mrs. May Beswick, secretary to the commanding officer is ill, and is reported to have Virus X.

Margaret Trumpour had fun over the holiday week end at Santa Monica.

Louis Strohecker of Separation Office welcomed the three-day holiday last week end because it gave him the first chance he'd had in some time to really get out and work in his garden. He says the results gave satisfaction, too.

George Faulkner of Finance Office left this week to visit Virginia (the state, he says, not a girl). He would have been leaving sooner, but he was waiting for the black eye he got in an auto accident to do a fadeaway.

A shower was given last week by a former Lettermanite for another former Lettermanite, both Detachment of Patient ex-personnel. Helen O'Connell was the hostess; Dorothy Beach the guest of honor. Among the guests at the party were the following from LGH: Lillian Jones, Emily Knepp, June Grumstrup, Esther Kleinclaus, Lurline Morrison, Mabel Paulson and Gwen Skopin.

ODE

If more than one mouse is mice
And more than one louse is lice
Then you must agree
Obviously
More than one spouse is spice.

Soldier: "When I was a kid I was told if I made ugly faces my face would stay that way."

WAC: "Well, you can't say you weren't warned."

FOR ART, BALLET, DRAMATICS OR DESIGNING—JUST CALL ON ADRIENNE



Sergeant ADRIENNE V. HOYES
Teaches art in Occupational Therapy

A sense of humor is a mighty handy asset for an artist, and Sergeant Adrienne V. Hoyes certainly possesses a well-developed one. For evidence see her drawing on page eight of this issue of the Fog Horn. The "V" in her name is for Veda, but it might well be "vivacious," judging by her personality.

Adrienne came to Letterman from Percy Jones General Hospital in January, and is assigned to the diversional Occupational Therapy Shop as artist. She teaches art to Letterman patients there and on ward S-2, and is also engaged on various other projects which people have been turning over to her, ranging from special signs to painting insignia on the new white helmets for the M.P. Section.

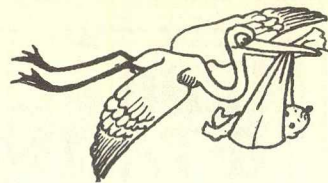
She was born in New York City, and her home is now in Essex Fells, N. J., in the Orange Mountains. She received her art training at Washington Irving High School in New York. That school is for students who wish to specialize in art, and six of the eight daily periods are devoted to various art subjects. Fine art, commercial art, fashion design, interior decoration, and the history of art are some of the subjects Adrienne studied during her four

years there.

After graduation she had a year of nurse's training, and continued with art courses at night school. Then in October 1943 she joined the WAC, and was sent to Des Moines for basic training. After assignments at several posts in Texas, she received her discharge, but eight months later she re-enlisted, in October 1946, and was sent to Oliver General Hospital. The following year she went to Percy Jones, and while there had an art assignment under the Physical Medicine Service.

She would like very much to go overseas, and remarks that she "would enlist for ten years" if she were sure she would be sent overseas right away.

Since she has been at LGH she has done some sculpturing, and says she likes the feeling of making the clay come to life. She likes to sew, too, and makes all her civilian clothes. She enjoys dramatics, has studied ballet, and has a medal she won for her performance as "Jo" in "Little Women." She not only likes to act, but also to make costumes for plays. And after her day's work is done, she has been going bicycling around the post for an hour or so every day.



To Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. George C. Woolsey, a boy, Gregory Alan, born 16 February.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Earl F. Dunphy, a girl, Kay Marie, born 17 February.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. David R. Kuhn, a girl, Barbara Idella, born 20 February.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Maurice Pittman, a girl, Linda Ann, born 22 February.

To Major and Mrs. Richard Mulholland, a boy, James Stephan, born 23 February.

How a Hobby Began

T/4 Carolyn Fix of the WAC detachment tells how she began on her hobby of building model ships—"I started building ships on my 13th birthday, when my father took me into a hardware store and told me to pick anything I wanted for my birthday, which, incidentally, was also his birthday.

"I surprised him by picking out a kit for making a model 'Clipper Ship.' After that I started building other historical ships ranging from a Viking ship, Spanish Galleon, and a Mediterranean Pirate ship to an English Galleon, American Frigate, Futon's first steamboat 'Claremont,' a whaling ship down to a model of the Civil War 'Kearsarge' which represents the transition from sail to steam.

"I work from a draft of the original plans in some cases, and always, I strive for historical accuracy and have a library full of data on historical ships at home. My ships have been exhibited at several places including the National Marine Exposition in San Francisco and the Munson, Williams, Proctor Institute of Art in Utica, New York where I studied wood carving under Richard Davis. I am a member of the Utica Hobby Club.

"Lately, I have branched out into all forms of early transportation and have added a stagecoach, first railroad train, oxcart, first automobile and cable car. Altogether I have about 20 models. I have recently finished a miniature model of the schooner 'Seth Parker' and the U. S. frigate 'Constitution.'

MEDICAL DETACH

T/4 Earl Brewer of Classification and Assignment was discharged this week and headed for his home in Fort Worth, Texas. He plans to re-enter the University of Texas and continue his studies in medicine.

Sgt. Albert Eyles, the pool playing dynamo of Barracks 563, is taking all comers. Some of the shots Al has made would astound the professionals. He says, "You do it your way and I'll do it mine." . . . What style, what finesse, what is it?

T/5 George Margheim, sometimes known as 'cousin,' has almost developed a perfect California brogue. Guess we're taking Nebraska out of him.

T/5 Ray McDiffett, the gem of the Dust Bowl, can't accustom himself to the C. Q.'s call. His buddies work him over vigorously to get him up in the mornings.

T/Sgt. Herbert Newton of the Hospital Inspector's Office startled his family the other night when he walked in with "such a fancy haircut." Latest reports tell us that he and his children are now reconciled.

1st/Sgt. Kenneth Robbins was puzzling over a tremendous problem this week. He couldn't call his quarters for he couldn't remember his new phone number.

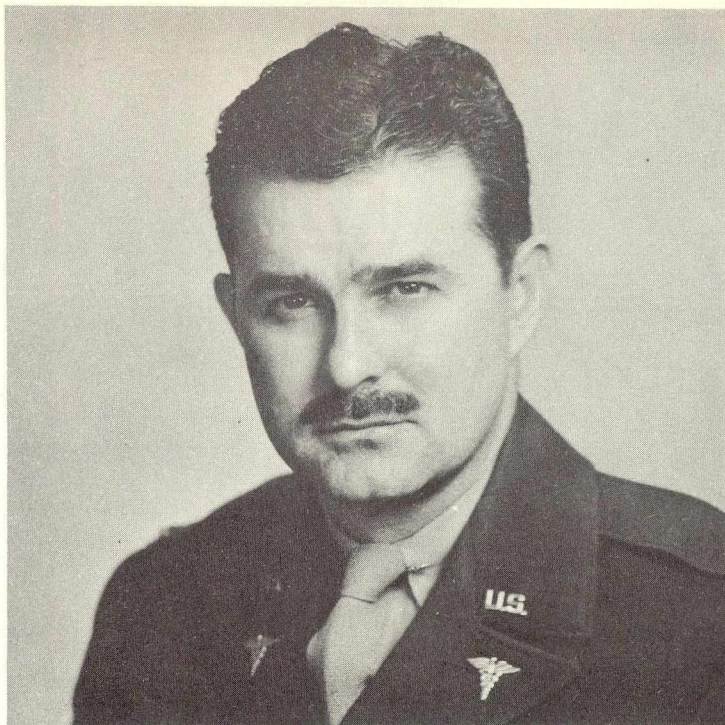
T/Sgt. Marshall Noel and his family from Utah are now situated in their new home in Richmond. Marsh's wife and two boys are enjoying the sunshine immensely.

Edwin and John McDaniel are back from their visit to Ed's home. The pinochle games have regained all their ferocity and swing.

M/Sgt. Jim Horton of Educational Reconditioning, much to the embarrassment of all concerned, blissfully emptied all of the waste paper baskets from his office into a discarded G. I. can which had no bottom. M/Sgt. Roscoe Holloway says, "Send him back to recruit training."

Camera friends are at it again with this beautiful weather. Ray Cruz, a favorite subject for photographers, has been seen posing on top of Strawberry Hill, at work in his office, and on the Marina Green with the natural setting of Alcatraz as backdrop.

LETTERMAN IS STILL HIS FAVORITE ASSIGNMENT AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS



Colonel JOHN KEMP DAVIS, MC
Calls LGH "the best assignment in the Army"

When he came back to Letterman in 1946 after a ten-year absence, Colonel John Kemp Davis said it was like coming back to "home folks" again. And he still feels that way; says Letterman is "the best assignment in the Army." He's had a chance to sample quite a few such assignments, having been an Army man since 1935, and having served in the Canal Zone and in the ETO, as well as at a number of posts in the United States.

Colonel Davis is a native of Morristown, Tennessee. He took his pre-medical training at Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, and received his M. D. from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine at Nashville. He interned at Letterman in 1935, and was then stationed here in 1936-37. He attended Army Medical School in Washington and the Field Medical Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., after which he spent 14 months at the station hospital of a New York overseas replacement depot. His next assignment was in Panama, at Gorgas General Hospital in the Canal Zone.

In 1941 he returned to Washington, to the Office of The Surgeon General, where he was in the Professional Service division from March

1941 until May 1943. He then went overseas to the ETO, and was a member of the staff of the Chief Surgeons Office, with headquarters in London. He served on various missions in Ireland, Scotland, Casablanca, Algiers and Naples, gathering statistics for plans for the invasion of France.

In August 1943 he was assigned as chief surgical representative with the Chief of Staff of the Supreme Allied Command, and the following February became Deputy Chief Medical officer with SHAEF, under Major General A. W. Kenner. After the dissolution of SHAEF in July 1945, Colonel Davis was designated deputy theatre Chief Surgeon of the ETO, serving in that capacity until February 1946, when he returned to the states.

He came back to Letterman in July 1946, and was assigned to the Surgical Service. He is now ward officer on ward C-1.

His wife and their two children, Edith, who is eight, and John Kemp, Jr., who is two, are here in San Francisco with him. Colonel Davis has two favorite sports—horseback riding and golf—but says that just now he is too busy with his hospital duties to devote any time to them.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

T/5 Gerald K. Gilbert has returned from leave, which was spent in North Dakota. Seems that while there he cut quite a few "capers." We really wonder if he did them all on ice skates??

Pfc. Robert Graham has become intensely interested in jig-saw puzzles. Could it be the puzzles, or his help-mate?

The editor-cartoonist of "Fox Funnies," Captain Jean D. Fox, was busy pouring over his many scripts this week. You're lucky, Captain, last year there were only 28 days in February.

Ex-T/5 Carlton "Pinky" Pedriana, formerly of Crissy Mess, writes that the spirit of "Leap Year" has overtaken him. He will be married in June.

T/5 Emilio Abeyta is still the ping pong champ of the T.T.S., to the despair of T/5 Bob L. Martin and others.

A bee-line (should have said "bean-line") to Boston will be made soon, or that is the way T/5 Paul Lynch wants it, at least. Paul is being discharged this week. We of the H.T.S. wish him all the luck in the world in his new venture, and also extend a hearty welcome to him should he ever decide to rejoin us here.

As usual, the Army fills in the gaps. Six new members of the H.T.S. are: Pfc. William E. Barr, Pfc. Thomas S. Butler, Pfc. Allen F. MacDonald, Pfc. Ralph E. Sellers, Pvt. Ernest E. Beaudry and Pvt. Ruby M. James, Jr. They have recently completed technical training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Sgt. Martin Borsdorf has found like in lower C-46 very monotonous lately. Sgt. Borsdorf has night guard in the area. However, one night this week he was "contented." An evening mystery thriller, a quiet barracks, and the "singing foghorns" aroused his keenest spirits. Yes, Sgt. life can be dull!

The LGH N.C.O. club is now in full swing. Plans for the opening dance on Saturday, the sixth of March, and the weekly Bingo parties to start soon are being carried out. N.C.O.'s of the H.T.S. can purchase membership cards at any time, see the dorman.

Troop Information And Education

A class has been organized on the post for anyone interested in improving his speaking voice and learning the fundamentals of public speaking. Meetings are held in the Education classroom, Building 1068, daily. Mrs. Julia Dempster, the instructor, will also prepare those students for the college entrance Subject "A" examinations.

Miss Campbell, a brand new teaching addition to the Education Office, will begin classes or individual lessons in Art this week. She has been around the wards making portrait sketches of many patients. If you're an artist or would like to learn, contact Miss Campbell through this office.

Currently there are over thirty-five individuals enrolled in the evening typing classes. For duty personnel or patients who are busy all during the working day, this affords a splendid opportunity to brush up or begin a regular typing course. Classes are held on Monday and Thursday evenings with Miss Hannah Goldberg as instructor.

There are daily afternoon typing classes also. Mrs. Dempster will instruct in the rudiments of typing.

Miss Frances Lilienthal, who has been a teacher here for over two years, will help anyone who needs work in History, English, Civics, French, Spanish, or Arithmetic. These classes are open to assigned personnel as well as to patients.

Lessons in piano, harmony, and counterpoint are given daily by Miss Harriet Baken. Classes are in the classroom or at the YMCA. All of these classes are handled on an individual basis. There is no definite school term. New enrollees are taken care of according to their own abilities.

T/Sergeant Guy Shortz will return soon to continue his musical instrument classes. Patients desiring to study any particular musical instrument will be glad to know that there is a teacher for them on the post.

Music Appreciation is one of the high spots in the Education Program. Sergeant Harry Wagner has a collection of classical records and will play and explain any of them on request. Mrs. Hazel Lindsay travels from ward to ward to bring this program to the patients.

Specific data regarding any of these classes or courses may be obtained at the Educational Reconditioning Office, Bldg. 1039, Ext. 4403.



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THAT DISMAL EARLY RISING

Thanks to WAC Sergeant Adrienne Hoyes for this view "before the glamour is applied." She did the drawing BEFORE coming to Letterman, of course.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

Armed Forces enlisted men and officers, traveling on official business away from their regular posts of duty, are receiving inadequate per diem allowances according to a special committee appointed by the Joint Army-Navy Personnel Board. As a result of this disclosure, the Navy Department has submitted to Congress recommendations to increase the daily allowance of enlisted men from the present limit of \$5 to not more than \$8, and the per diem of officers from the present limit of \$7 to not more than \$8.

Officers' discharge certificates will be forthcoming shortly. A joint committee of the Armed Forces has drawn up uniform regulations and certificates of discharge for officers of all the Armed Forces and the Coast Guard. Discharge certificates, to be issued only when the officer has severed all connections with his Service, will not be issued retroactively and will be in three categories: Honorable Discharge, General Discharge, and Discharge.

A new officers' volunteer category system establishing all categories for extended active duty as definite periods has been issued by the Army. A similar plan for Air Force officers is in final drafting form. The Army plan, which becomes effective March 1, offers the following categories:

I—One year of active duty. (Open to Medical Department officers other than MSC officers. Also, officers who reach maximum age-in-grade in less than two years.)

II—Two years of active duty. (Open to Medical Department officers other than MSC officers. Also, OCS graduates, officers serving competitive tours and officers reaching maximum age-in-grade in less than three years.)

III—Three years of active duty. (Any officer who requests and is accepted for a tour of this length.)

V—Separation from the Service as soon as eligible or at earliest opportunity. (Officers who are presently in old Category I will be given the choice of requesting a tour in another category for which they are eligible or of being separated before June 30.)

Answering the Veterans' Queries

The Veterans Administration's annual report to Congress revealed that marked progress has been made toward the goal of providing all eligible veterans with the best possible medical care in accordance with the highest professional standards.

VA's Administrator, Carl R. Gray, Jr., reporting on a period when General Bradley was administrator, pointed out that the growth of the medical staff and facilities has been impressive.

Among the accomplishments in the medical field are:

1. VA clinics provided out-patient medical and dental service on an unprecedented scale, thus freeing many hospital beds for veterans who needed hospitalization.

2. The "home town" medical and dental care programs were expanded, making it possible for hundreds of thousands of veterans to receive care in their home towns, often by physicians and dentists of their own choosing.

3. During the year VA hospitals admitted 533,000 patients, an increase of 53 per cent over the previous year. Hospitalization was considered complete, with the maximum benefit achieved in 83 per cent of the cases discharged last year. This was a slightly better record than the one made the year before.

Question: Must a veteran have 10 per cent or more service-connected disability to be eligible for out-patient treatment?

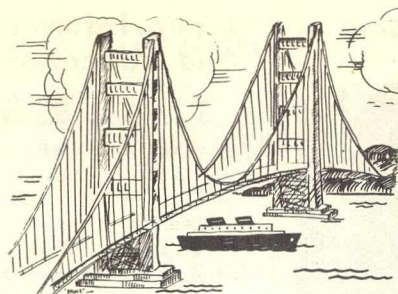
Answer: Any veteran with an established service-connected disability is entitled to out-patient treatment for the service-connected disability regardless of the degree of disability.

Question: A veteran who has been granted compensation suffers an increase in the severity of the disability. What steps must he take to get an increase in compensation?

Answer: He must submit written evidence to the Veterans Administration. This should be in the form of an adequate statement from a private physician showing the veteran's present physical condition. All expenses incurred in securing statements must be borne by the veteran.

Doctor (after examining her husband) said to the wife: "I don't like his looks."

Wife: "I don't either, but he is good to our children."



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Preventive Medicine Gets an Interim Specialty Board

Consultants and practitioners of preventive medicine, one of the least formalized but most universally important branches of medical science, recently learned that a great forward step toward professional recognition of their calling as a distinct medical specialty has been made by the formation of an "Interim Board" of Preventive Medicine. Announcement of the move was made jointly by the Surgeons General of the Army, Navy and U. S. Public Health Service.

The cooperative effort of the three services will undoubtedly give impetus to a growing demand for creation of an American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health to take its place along with the 16 specialty boards already in existence, and supply the uniform professional standing and protection specialists need in order to function most effectively.

Members of the Interim Board were selected with great care. The three Surgeons General formed a committee to consider the problem. The roster of the Interim Board includes six civilian authorities in the field of public health and preventive medicine; the chiefs of the preventive medicine divisions of the Army and Navy, and an officer from the Public Health Service.

At its first meeting the Interim Board began drafting a preliminary bill of requirements for certification. Confidence was expressed that official standards for qualification as a specialist in preventive medicine will soon be achieved.

Preventive medicine and public health, although practiced long before most of the other medical disciplines in the form of primitive tribal taboos, has lagged behind



CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTION
Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, congratulates Captain Knox R. Freytag, MC, on his promotion to that rank, after pinning the twin silver bars on his shoulders. Captain Freytag, who has been at Letterman for more than a year, is assistant ward officer on ward 43.

other branches of medicine in organization and recognition. Today the work of the various groups interested in research and practice in this field is largely uncorrelated. Investigations into industrial and personal hygiene, nutrition, water supply and sewage disposal, mechanisms of disease transmission, pest control, housing and ventilation, and all the other multifarious aspects of preventive medicine and public health, are for the most part

carried on independently by many private concerns and various agencies of State and Federal governments. Practitioners in different lines and different areas have no uniform professional qualifications. With its own specialty board and its own professional organization, this field could maintain its integrity and command uniform national recognition. The joint action of the Army, Navy and Public Health Service is a step in this direction.

Examinations for West Point Now Under Way at LGH

Examinations for entrance to the United States Military Academy at West Point began at Letterman this week, and on Tuesday morning Brigadier General G. J. Higgins, commandant of cadets at West Point, addressed the candidates, and Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, welcomed the group before the examinations began. General Higgins is advisor to the board of officers who are conducting the examinations.

Colonel Leonard N. Swanson is President of the board, and he is assisted by the following Letterman officers: Colonel Wendell A. Weller, MC; Colonel Boyd L. Smith, DC; Colonel George L. Beatty, MC; Lieut. Colonel Jack Schwartz, MC; Major Walter N. Jensen, MC; Captain Haskell F. Norman, MC; Captain John J. Piel, MC; 1st Lieut. Edward J. Smith, MC; Captain Richard L. Anderegg, MC; Captain Cheslar Urbanik, MSC; 1st Lieut. Walter F. Robbins, MSC, and 1st Lieut. Raimon W. Lehman, SPS.

A group of 40 candidates, composed of combat veterans, Army personnel and civilians, registered for the examinations. All are between the ages of 18 and 22. Three states are represented in the group—California, Nevada and Arizona. The period of the examination is from 1 to 14 March, and during that time the candidates will be the guests of the Army and will be housed at Crissy Annex.

One of the candidates is a member of the detachment here at Letterman—Sergeant Kenneth R. Dick of Vallejo, California. He has been in the Army for nearly three years, and has been at LGH since November 1946. He is on duty in the Detachment of Patients office.

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"Operation Windchill" Tests Reactions to Arctic Cold

Army Medical Department researchers have undertaken exhaustive experiments, with the cooperation of the U. S. Air Force, to determine, through "Operation Windchill," what might happen to the physical and psychological well-being of soldiers suddenly transported by air from warm climates to extreme Arctic cold in a possible future war.

Thirty-two Air Force soldiers, selected for high physical and mental capacity from a group of volunteers, have just been flown from the semi-tropical climate of McDill Field, Florida, to a sub-Arctic cold area of the far north in the most extensive test of acclimatization yet undertaken.

All the men have been stationed at the Florida post for months. They were completely adjusted to the climatic conditions. Within less than 15 hours they were set down amid ice and snow in zero temperatures to set up a bivouac—a situation similar to what would be encountered had they crashed in the Arctic.

The object of the Army Medical Department is to determine exactly what changes take place in the bodies of these men in the course of adjustment to extreme cold. For several weeks before leaving Florida they were subjected to about every physical test known to medical science. These tests ranged from the ordinary basal metabolism and blood pressure measurements to complete blood chemistry. Sulfur content of red cells, Vitamin C content of blood cells and plasma, complete urine chemistry, concentration of sex and adrenal hormones and their precursors, and analysis of body fats were among the determinations. Seldom have healthy human subjects undergone such complete examinations.

Once the men arrived at their Arctic base the tests were started all over again. The objective is to discover the bio-chemical and physiological changes which accompany day-to-day acclimatization to cold and their variation with individuals. Presumably some of the major changes take place in blood chemistry, but the entire field is one in which there is relatively little really scientific data. Much has been discovered in tests under simulated conditions but much remains to be explored as to psychological reactions and their effects on physical well-being, reactions known medically as psychosomatic.



IN ARCTIC TEMPERATURES

U. S. soldiers prepare to fire a mortar while working out a field problem. Troops engaged in this exercise under Arctic conditions have devised a series of problems in which they expect to develop new cold weather tactics and improved equipment for use in frigid climates.

At their bivouac the men have been divided into three groups. One group will be fed a ration of about 900 calories a day, only about half the average human requirement. Another will receive the equivalent of 1800 calories a day, about what is required in the climate of Florida. The third will receive 5700 calories, consisting mostly of fats and comparable to the diet of Eskimos and other Arctic dwellers. Presumably those receiving the high calorie ration will adjust best, but the relative adjustments of the other groups are expected to shed valuable light on the importance of diet in acclimatization.

In ordinary life such sudden transitions from heat to cold would be rare. For this reason, all volunteers are between 18 and 22 years

old, a period when their capacity for adjustment should be at its best.

At the same time the Army Medical Department is conducting a less rigorous experiment with 16 men under sub-Arctic conditions at another point up north. Here the effort will not be to determine the effects of sudden change but to learn what type of individual reacts best to Arctic conditions, both physically and psychologically.

The technical director of "Operation Windchill" is Dr. Robert E. Johnson of the Army Medical Nutrition Laboratory at Chicago. The party is under the command of Lieut. G. E. Gustafson of the same laboratory. Members of the staff and consultants of the Army Surgeon General are participating.

U. S. Must Back UN as World Peace Move

(AFPS)—In his first public address as Chief of Staff Gen. Omar N. Bradley recently told the country that the United States can achieve lasting peace through support of universal military training, support of the UN, aid to Europe and Asia, and if we "... do not give comfort to those nations who would risk aggression."

Addressing the annual conference of School Administrators, General Bradley said that those who regard military training as a means by which the Army seeks to influence civil life and "infect youth with military fever" are obscuring the security need for the measure and are concentrating instead "on their own creation of a straw man on horseback."

"I do not challenge the sincerity of their alarm, for they are reputable citizens of good conscience," the General asserted. "But I do contend that they have distorted the issue beyond recognition and that they have ascribed to the Army motives which are as repugnant to me as they are to them."

General Bradley told the educators: "Security will be gained not through singular dependence on long-range aircraft, mobile land forces or naval might, but only on a balanced trust in all three, as used in support of the United Nations.

"Our best assurance against the inevitability of another war lies in some measure of universal subordination of absolute national sovereignty to a community of nations.

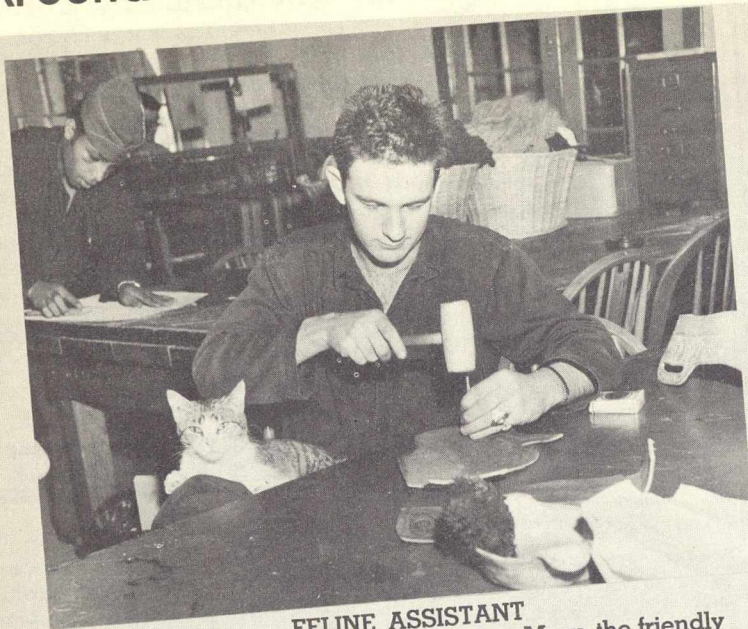
"As a soldier entrusted with preparation of our nation's defense, I find no satisfactory alternative to Military Training in any comparable expenditure or plan."

Wedding Bells

Wedding bells rang last week for Miss Elizabeth Bull, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Terry Bull, and Lieut. Raymond W. Blohm, Jr., who is stationed at Letterman. The couple were married on Thursday 26 February, at the Presidio chapel.

Following the wedding there was a reception at the Presidio Officers' Club, after which Lieut. and Mrs. Blohm left for a week's honeymoon.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



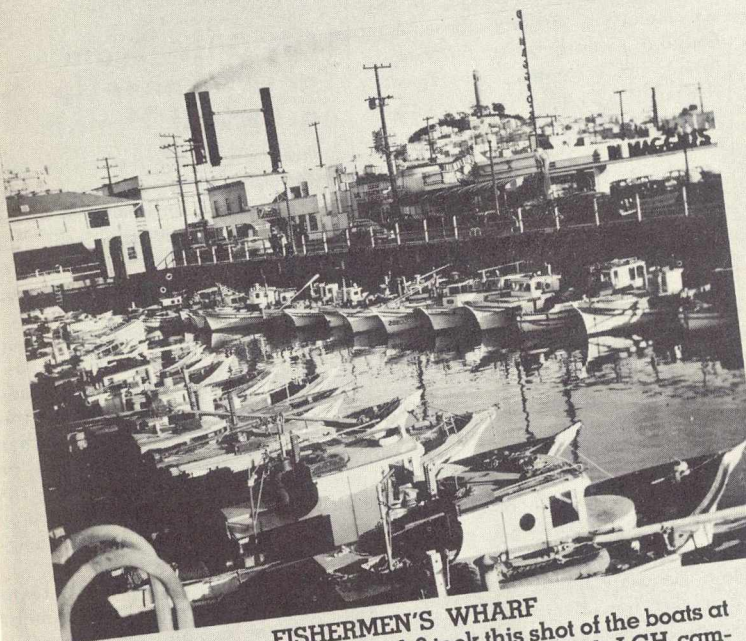
FELINE ASSISTANT

Harry Hooper, patient on ward 31, has Mary, the friendly cat who frequents the O. T. Shop, as his right hand helper on the leather work he is doing, and she enjoys it as much as he does.



"LOWBROW" THE GIRAFFE

Norman Herman of ward F-2 can point with pride to his work on "Lowbrow," one of the most amusing animals ever made in the Letterman Occupational Therapy Shop.



FISHERMEN'S WHARF

Lieut. Jerry Lundin of ward 8 took this shot of the boats at Fishermen's Wharf on a recent field trip with LGH camera enthusiasts.



WEST POINT AHEAD

Sgt. Kenneth Dick of the Detachment of Patients office, about to begin work on the examinations for entrance to West Point. He is the only Letterman man among the 40 candidates taking examinations here this week.

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EDITORIAL

RED CROSS DRIVE

The annual Red Cross appeal for funds with which to continue its widespread program of welfare activities began this week and will continue throughout the month of March. Here at Letterman funds will be solicited only from officer and civilian personnel. Enlisted personnel will not be asked for contributions, but their voluntary contributions will be gladly received.

The 1948 fund campaign goal is \$75,000,000, and San Francisco's share of the national quota is \$1,059,000.

Here at Letterman patients and duty personnel have an opportunity to see the Red Cross program of service in operation. Medical and psychiatric case workers are on duty here to help patients solve personal or family problems. Members of the recreation staff devise medically approved diversional activities that offer an opportunity for patients to live as normally as possible during hospitalization. Red Cross services are also available to servicemen stationed here, and to their families.

Volunteer workers contribute their time and skill to the Hospital Service program, through the Gray Lady Corps, the Motor Corps, the Arts and Skills workers, and through supplies contributed by the Junior Red Cross.

A fund booth is being set up in the main ramp, and con-



Colonel Mary G. Phillips, ANC, Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, was an honored visitor at Letterman last week when she was here from Washington. One evening during her stay she addressed the nurses, and answered questions following her talk. She was introduced by Lieut. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse at Letterman. While she was here Colonel Phillips visited all members of the ANC who are at present patients here in the hospital.

Three Letterman nurses who have recently completed the anesthesiology course here will leave shortly for new stations. First Lieut. Mollie Tewell will go to Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C.; First Lieut. Ida M. Webber is to go to Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, and First Lieut. Florence T. Connell will be stationed at the First Army station hospital, Fort Jay, N. Y.

Captain Velma Richardson, chief dietitian, was back on duty last week after her recent skiing accident, even before the cast on her leg was removed. Now that it is removed, she is rushing about at almost her customary speed, in spite of a slight lameness.

First Lieut. Marie M. Lichtenberger, ANC, returned recently from an enjoyable leave spent at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Major Frances C. Henchey, ANC, is back on duty after leave spent in Orlando, Florida. And even if she did celebrate a happy birthday there while she was away, she says she'll still take California.

Speaking of birthdays, Lieut. Colonel Elsie Schneider will celebrate hers on Monday next—8 March.

First Lieut. Antonio Fasenmyer, ANC, is on a seven-day leave which she is spending here in San Francisco and in Palo Alto.

Contributions may be made there or to the division chairman who are helping in the drive.

In giving, you are asked to give as generously as you would wish to be helped when you need help—and as gladly.

WAC

First Lieut. Frances Harlee, MSC, chief of Troop Information and Education, was welcomed back last week when she returned to duty after a three-month absence. Lieut. Harlee had been attending an I & E course at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

After a much longer absence, T/Sgt. Eleanor J. Eaton, who has been on overseas duty in Germany, returned to Letterman this week and got a hearty welcome back. She has been assigned to the Troop I & E office.

Martha Shortle is enjoying a 14-day furlough, and is spending it in Sacramento.

Marjorie May, who had been a patient here, was recently transferred to Fitzsimons General Hospital. Edna Carrick, who accompanied her back to Fitzsimons, has returned to duty.

Eileen Venters surprised Dorothy Guy, her co-worker in Classification and Assignment, by baking a luscious birthday Boston cream pie for her last week. Must have been a happy birthday.

Corinne Cooper is taking it easy on mountain driving these days. One day recently when she was out in her car, accompanied by Dorothy Dreger, Ella Dodson and Mary Davis, another driver rounded a curve and almost forced Corinne off the road and down the mountainside. Just when she was so happy over getting her 1948 Michigan license plates, too.

Two pairs of tennis shoes, owned by Mildred Stech and Becky Monroy, took a walk recently—and without their owners. How this was accomplished is still a mystery, but if the "borrowers" would return the shoes, Becky and Mildred would be grateful and not too curious.

Lee Witkowski had a pleasant surprise the other day when she came back to the barracks to find her clean-up detail had all been done for her. Everybody wants to know her secret methods for getting work done by her friends.

Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but I have always noticed that the passages that bother me are those I do understand.—**Mark Twain.**

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, 7 March, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Mass daily during Lent at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Broadcast

The program of Jane Rankin, who is heard daily over station KNBC, will be broadcast directly from Letterman next Friday. Letterman patients and a representative of the commanding officer will appear on the program, which will feature Red Cross Arts and Skills activities here at the hospital.

The broadcast will be at 9:30 a. m., 12 March, and will be from the Lucite Section, Occupational Therapy diversional shop.

LGH Girls' Team Takes Runner-Up Basketball Honors

The LGH Girls' Basketball team placed second in the Sixth Army championship tournament held last week at Fort Lewis, Washington. The WAC team from Fort Ord took two closely contested games from LGH to win top honors.

It was a double elimination tournament, with four teams entered—from Fort Ord, Fort Lawton, Madigan General Hospital and Letterman. The trophy won by Letterman for second place honors is now on display in the gym here, and the team members each received key chains with the Sixth Army insignia.

The twelve members of the team who participated in the tournament were: team captain Betty Hearne, Lydia Dobaran, Opal Glenn, Helen Hicks, Frances Jenkins, Margaret Lassiter, Betty Miller, Becky Monroy, Clara Queen, Millie Stech, Minnie Young and Henrietta Zuzga.

The worth of a state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it.—**John Stuart Mill.**

ON THE SPOT



GEORGE D. ADAMS
Sergeant

Sergeant George D. Adams of the Troop Information and Education office plans to be a 20-year man, and already he has nearly 50 per cent of that 20 years to his credit.

He first enlisted in the Army at Fort Barrancas, Florida in June 1939. After basic training at the Coast Artillery school he went on to take specialists' courses there, notably the Artillery Gunnery course and the Artillery Observation course. He was then assigned to the Army transport ship "USS President Coolidge" as gunnery sergeant. During this tour of duty George made such ports as Honolulu, Hawaii; Sydney, Australia, and various New Zealand ports.

Shortly after his return to the States in 1942, George was injured in an automobile accident. He was sent to Letterman, making it his second time here as a patient. Upon his recovery he was assigned to the 747th Artillery Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, at that time located at Vallejo, California.

He received his discharge in October 1945, and two weeks later he re-enlisted for service overseas. In February 1946 he landed at Le Havre, France. From there he went to the Fifth Constabulary Regiment at Augsburg, Germany. He served with this unit for nearly a year. After he came back to the States in March of last year, he was immediately assigned to Letterman.

George was born in Pensacola, Florida, and attended high school in Sebring, Florida. He has a strong interest in athletics, and says he likes just about all kinds of sports.

Professor: "Didn't you miss my class yesterday?"

Freshman: "Not in the least."

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

James Martin has been declared Gin Rummy Champ of ward E-2. He has volunteered to take on all contenders of said title. He has also volunteered to teach anyone who wants to learn the points of the game which make him a champion Gin Rummy player.

Joseph A. McElroy of ward B-2 was so intent on the pinochle game at the Recreation Hall the other day that he actually stopped talking for a very short time, of course.

Joseph Haney and Lewis Pinall on ward E-2 have been betting quite heavily on the horses lately. They have been winning most of the time, and figure that they have won an average of \$3,000.00 per day since they started. Of course they only bet on paper (no money involved).

James Buckner and Bruce Olson have been quite busy for the past week. They have been working on a large poster for the Red Cross. The poster depicts a large "JUKE BOX."

Several patient on ward F-1 took advantage of the fishing trips offered by Special Services, last week. Every one had a grand time, except the fish.

Since Thomas McCarney moved out of ward E-2 Claud Hart has been on the lookout for a new feuding partner. Must be the Irish in him.

August Bergman seems to be very absorbed in Miss Campbell's art instruction, or is the interest in the figures she draws?

Samson Chen placed his car and himself at the mercy of San Francisco drivers the other day and came out second best. Although he was unhurt his brand new 1948 Chevrolet was slightly "banged up."

Charles W. Hearn of ward E-2 has earned the nickname of Gabby for himself. It seems that he likes to hear himself talk so well that he never stops except to sleep and eat. His neighbors are very glad that he is not a sleep-talker.

Billy Brandon of ward C-2 has been absent from the O. T. Photo Lab lately due to a series of operations. The lab misses him and wishes that he would hurry back.

Le Roy Hessler is getting rather anxious. He has started counting the days until D-Day (that's short for Discharge day). At present he is down to 100 days.

Everyone in ward B-2 seems to have a common interest right now — poker. Of course there is no money involved, it's all for fun.

"Deacon Slade" of ward E-2 claimed the other night that he was being moved by "spirits." We haven't been able to find out whether they were alcoholic or otherwise as yet. Of course the fact that it was payday night might be a point to consider.

Ward E-2 is thinking of starting its own motorcycle club, that is, if the boys still want to ride motorcycles after they get out. There are six motorcycle accident cases in the ward at present.

The other day the O. T. Photo Lab members took a field trip. They started out by going to Fleischacker Zoo. However the fog (which is very rare in San Francisco) finally drove them away and they wound up by going to Stanford university at Palo Alto.

Jose Martinez is a very avid pinball player. If you can't find him on his ward, just go down to the PX Grill and look for the pinball machines. If you don't find him there, there is something radically wrong.

Jim Norman finally got that letter that he has been waiting for for so long. She said yes.

James "Never Again" Ford decided that he would go into town on pay day night and celebrate a little. During the course of the celebration he was relieved of approximately \$70.00. He states, "I will never again venture into San Francisco." At least not until next payday, right, James?

The LGH Discussion Group will meet again next Wednesday, 10 March, in the Solarium at 7 p. m. to hear a talk on the subject of "Taxes." The speaker will discuss the two questions "Can we afford to reduce taxes?" and "Should we apply more income to the National Debt?" This group is sponsored by the San Francisco Chronicle and the World Affairs Council, and Nancy Jones of the Red Cross is co-ordinator for the hospital. The library has prepared a list of interesting books on the subject to be discussed, and the books may be obtained from the ward librarian or at the library. Both patients and duty per-

WAC OF THE WEEK



MERYL MEREDITH
Technician Fourth Grade

She's T/4 Meryl L. Meredith on the official records but she's much better known as "Schatchi," a nickname she acquired in Vienna, where she spent 20 months on overseas duty. Meryl says Schatchi translates into "my treasure" or the equivalent thereof. She arrived at Letterman only a month ago, and already her barracks sergeant, Chris McConnell, calls her the "moral builder of barracks 214."

Schatchi is right at home in the Bay Area, having been born in Berkeley. She has lived in Seattle, too, and attended the University of Washington for two years, then spent two years at the University of California. She majored in Home Economics, and after receiving her degree was dietitian for the Bartell Drug Stores in Seattle for five years.

She joined the WAC in November 1943, and went to Des Moines for basic training, then to Army-Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a three-month course in surgical technicians' work. She spent a few months at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and in June 1944 was sent to Percy Jones General Hospital, where she worked in surgery until she was discharged in December 1945.

In April 1946 she re-enlisted to go overseas, after enjoying a long vacation in the intervening months. Her overseas assignment was at the 110th Station Hospital in Vienna. After her return to the States she came to Letterman, where she is on duty in the Records Room.

Schatchi likes horseback riding and golf and has happy memories of horseback rides in Vienna beside the famous Blue Danube.

sonnel are welcomed at Discussion Group meetings.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Special compliments were paid this week to the three girls from Out-Patient Service who acted as able assistants to the West Point examining board. The trio who dealt efficiently with the many clerical duties involved were Virginia de Trana, Janice Zoberbier and Alta Lee.

Barbara McCarcy, former Lettermanite, got a hearty welcome this week when she returned to the fold, reporting for duty in the Prosthetics Section, Dental Clinic.

Virginia Lee Smith of Officers' Personnel Section was one of the bridesmaids last week at the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Boll and Lieht, Raymond W. Blohm, Jr. And she was the lucky bridesmaid, because she caught the bride's bouquet.

Lee Bakken of the X-ray Laboratory, who went to Oakland last week to hear Marian Anderson sing, reports a most enjoyable evening.

Although Louise Smith of the Registrar's Office is still on the sick list, she keeps up with what's going on at Letterman anyway. Bernice Blake of the Sergeant Major's office takes her a copy of the Fog Horn every week.

Ray V. Shine, head of Civilian Personnel, has been fighting a battle with the Virus X bug this week.

MORE ABOUT WEST POINT EXAMS

(Continued from Page 1)

The procedure necessary for the young man who wishes to pursue an Army career at West Point is this: He must meet the scholastic standards of the West Point Candidate Board, and can then submit a letter requesting the appointment, either to his Congressman or to the West Point Academic Board. His academic credits must accompany the letter. If he is accepted, he is eligible to take the entrance examinations.

Before reporting to one of the stations, such as Letterman, where the general examinations are given, he must pass a preliminary competitive test.

"We were surrounded by natives," related the explorer. "They uttered savage cries, danced madly and pounded the earth with their clubs."

"Sounds like golf," said a listener.

LIEUT. SCHUBERT WRITES ABOUT HER EXPERIENCES IN THE ETO



First Lieut. OLIVE M. SCHUBERT, ANC
Color data: Vivid red hair and blue eyes

First Lieut. Olive M. Schubert, ANC, who came to Letterman last month, says she is planning to write her autobiography one of these days, and by way of a beginning she has furnished the Fog Horn with the story of some of her experiences to date. Unfortunately, space limitations prevent our using all the material.

"I arrived C. O. D. during a blizzard, at Worthington, Minn. I attended the University of Minnesota, majoring in Psychology and Sciences, for three years, until I had 'matured' sufficiently to begin training as a nurse at the University. After graduation in 1943 I continued to work at the University hospital. I was commissioned in the Army in December 1944, and fought the 'Battle of Fitzsimons.'

"In 1945 I was assigned to the 239th General Hospital in Paris, and remained there until June 1946, when I went to the 120th Station Hospital in Beyreuth. From there I made five visits to the Nuremberg trials. I had a memorable three-day pass to Berchtesgaden, and rode the elevator built inside the mountain to 'Superman's' retreat on the top

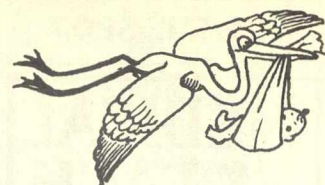
of the world. From there I looked across the Austrian border to picturesque Salzburg, where I later attended the world famous music festivals.

"In October I was assigned to Linz, Austria, and while there I went on leave to Rome, traveling on a British troop train on which I was the only woman. I found the British most chivalrous.

"During my stay in Rome I had the privilege of an audience with Pope Pius XII. I shall never forget my excitement when he spoke to me personally.

"Later, while in Denmark, I was able to buy a new Hudson with far less trouble than I would have had here. Having sold it, I was unable to get another when I returned to the States, even though I tried in Detroit when I changed planes en route to my home in Minneapolis.

"I spent Christmas at home, my second in nine years. Shortly afterward, when I left for California, the temperature in Minneapolis was 26 degrees below zero, and California sounded like the Promised Land. I found Letterman the most beautiful post I had ever seen, and the food



To First Lieut. and Mrs. William Van Brunt, a girl, **Betty Louise**, born 25 February.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Walter Kocopi, a girl, **Christine**, born 25 February.

To Corporal and Mrs. Horace Poorte Toponce, a boy, **Horace Poorte, Jr.**, born 26 February.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. James Mundy, twin boys, **Terry Allen** and **Jerry Daniel**, born 26 February.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Glen Harold Lee, a boy, **Ronald Maurice**, born 26 February.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. William Charles Muhic, a boy, **Stephen Philip**, born 26 February.

To Corporal and Mrs. Jay B. Wages, a boy, **Dennis Jay**, born 27 February.

To Captain and Mrs. Carl M. Nielsen, a boy, **David Carl**, born 27 February.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Edward Gudgel, a girl, **Anne Myrtle**, born 27 February.

To Major and Mrs. Claude Sturges, a girl, **Constance Faye**, born 28 February.

To Corporal and Mrs. Norman E. Monroe, a girl, **Eugenia Annette**, born 28 February.

To Captain and Mrs. James G. Monihan, a girl, **Judith Louise**, born 28 February.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. James McKinley, a girl, **Arlene**, born 29 February.

To Pfc. and Mrs. William Erwin, a girl, **Patricia Ann**, born 1 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. John T. H. Johnson, a girl, **Mary Fulton**, born 1 March.

—I've gained seven pounds since I've been here!

"My hobbies are horseback riding and photography. I feel that with a name like Schubert I must do something for the arts, so I write poetry. I am also a voracious reader—anything except novels.

"I am most anxious for an assignment in Tokyo, which, like my assignment in Europe, would be a big step toward a broader perspective, a capacity for seeing behind the news and the acquisition of a more cosmopolitan viewpoint."

MEDICAL DETACH

T/5 Joseph Poland of the 1st Sergeant's Office and an old standby as both "critic" and "contributer" to the Fog Horn received his final discharge from the Army on Tuesday. Joe plans to reenter college.

It seems like Sergeant Kenneth Dick of the Detachment of Patients Office, who recently received a Congressional Appointment to West Point, wasn't given much time for "prepping" on the entrance examination. But Kenneth has good hopes for the best and the consolation of his recent promotion to Sergeant.

A certain M/Sgt. of Educational Reconditioning Branch, in "good humored" rebuttal to M/Sgt. Roscoe Holloway of Grounds and Maintenance, wants it known that during the time he took his "recruit training," he was instructed to use G. I. cans and nothing else for dumping trash. Nothing was said about that new fangled idea of Roscoe's; that is, G. I. cans without bottoms.

Two newcomers to Letterman, M/Sgt. Richard "Junior" Thompson of the X-Ray Clinic and T/Sgt. "Senior" Randl of the Dental Clinic, have established a non-stop record for social activities since honoring us with their presence.

T/Sgt. Guy Shortz, the "Maestro" of Convalescent Services, is back on duty after a 30-day furlough.

M/Sgt. Harold "Swede" Olsen of Physical Therapy is now "swearing" by his newly reconditioned automobile. "Swede," this column always said that there was nothing wrong with your vehicle that a new driver couldn't cure.

Welcome to M/Sgt. Albert Evans of the Recruiting Office who arrived last week from Percy Jones General Hospital, where he was a patient.

Noticed: That on pay day, former Detachment 1/Sgt. Orlin Oxenrider, who has been a patient for several weeks, was looking very chipper at the table (pay, that is). The old hard cash is what makes the most of us look up anyway.

T/Sgt. "Rugged Rudy" Shellhorn of the K wards hasn't been in the news lately. Rudy says that he is living a clean, disciplined life at present. That is, one that is not conducive to the manufacturing of news.

HE GAVE CIVILIAN LIFE A TRIAL, BUT HE'S BACK IN THE ARMY NOW



Staff Sergeant ELBERT R. ASHBAUGH, JR.
Knows all the ins and outs of medical supply equipment

After spending more than five years in the Army before and during the war, Staff Sergeant Elbert R. Ashbaugh, Jr. received his discharge and returned happily to civilian life. But after a year and a half as a civilian, he came back to the Army and the Medical Department, having decided that the Army is the life after all.

Sergeant Ashbaugh was born in Glendale, California, grew up and went to school in Corcoran, California, and his home town is now Napa. Before he came into the Army he worked on a ranch, but he exchanged that for the military in May 1941. He was sent to Fort Scott for basic training, and became a member of the medical detachment with the Sixth Coast Artillery. He remained at Fort Scott until he went to Officers Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, which was in April 1942.

After he received his commission in June of that year he was assigned to duty at the station hospital, Huntsville Arsenal, in Huntsville, Alabama. During his tour of duty there he was Medical Supply Officer, Mess Officer and detach-

ment commander, along with a number of those well-known "additional duties." He remained at Huntsville more than four years, until December 1946, when he received his discharge.

During the year and a half he was out of the Army, Sergeant Ashbaugh sold medical equipment for a Sacramento firm, and on the side became a flying enthusiast. He has just 40 hours to go to qualify for his commercial license, and although for the time being he is not doing any flying, he intends to get those 40 hours in before too long.

When he re-enlisted here in San Francisco last October, Sergeant Ashbaugh was assigned to Letterman, and is on duty in the machine shop, repairing medical supply equipment. He has recently been alerted for overseas duty in the Far East Command, and expects to leave some time in April.

He likes a variety of sports, with emphasis on bowling, golf and softball, and is a member of the Medical Supply bowling team in the Wednesday Bowling League. His special hobby is photography, and he likes to experiment with color.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

It seems that since Cpl. Claude "Corky" Corea has been on trip, that the boys are making a run on the clothiers which are competing with his "house." How about it T/5's John McLain, Utah Crowson, Robert Demster, and Cpl. Charles Garrett?? They really look sharp, too. How can that be, "Corky?"

1st. Sgt. Tea Garland "went home to Momma" this week. No, fellows, he's not divorcing us (just that monthly three-day pass)!

Cpl. William Hapchuck is growing partial to Colorado. Yes, there is plenty of "scenery" there. Seems he has made several trips there lately, with patients.

Congrats to the new Sergeants, Donald Chah and William Jordan, on their promotions. Also to Cpl. P. G. Beachamp and T/5 Herbert R. Grindele.

Pfc. Robert B. Beauman is a newcomer to the H. T. S. He recently completed technical training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"Sure am tired today, and I had plenty of time for sleep last night too." T/Sgt. James Mitchell was heard saying that one day this week. "Mitch" had been on Night C. Q. for the month of February.

Cigarettes, cigarettes . . . anyone want a cigarette?? Yes, fellows, after a "long" short month (and payday), there is no longer a shortage of them.

Pvt. Ruby James, of lower C-46 "La Lounge," found that on a certain barracks duty roster he was a Pvt. one day, Pfc. the next, and a T/5 by the end of the week.

Last week end T/5 Bob L. Martin and some friends went horseback riding. At the middle of the week, he said that he was still riding in the "seat."

Lt. F. D. Beadles, of the Transportation office, can be called, "The Silver Kid." Seems he outsmarted a "one-armed bandit" which had been working on other members of the club. He collected quite a reward for his actions.

This week has seen new members coming into the LGH N. C. O. Club. Don't forget about opening dance tonight. Bernie Selmi and his orchestra, and comedian Russ Byrd. Dancing will start at 8 p. m. in the Crissy Service Club. Members and guests are invited, couples only for the dance.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

Veterans are not required to pay attorneys or agents for representing them in monetary claims against the Veterans Administration.

Fees for such services are payable only by the Veterans Administration itself and are deducted from the monetary benefit due the veteran at the time the claim is allowed.

Fees are fixed by law at \$10 for an original claim of \$2 for a claim to obtain increased benefits.

Any agent or attorney who charges, or attempts to charge any veteran for such services is subject to penal provisions of the law in addition to loss of his accreditation.

Federal income tax returns are due March 15. Following are the U. S. Treasury's income tax requirements for veterans:

1. Veterans do not have to include in their 1947 income tax return, any pay for active service below the grade of commissioned officer received during 1947.

2. The first \$1,500 received during 1947 for active service as a commissioned officer is also tax exempt.

3. Mustering-out pay is not taxable and need not be reported.

4. Contributions by the government to monthly family allowances, including subsistence allowances for trainees under the G. I. Bill of Public Law 16, are tax free.

5. Pensions and disability compensation to war veterans and their families are also excluded.

6. Disability retirement pay is tax free. However, retirement pay other than disability retirement, is taxable and must be reported.

7. Interest on adjusted service bonds also goes tax free.

Veterans who want special help in preparing 1947 tax returns may get free assistance from U. S. Internal Revenue experts.

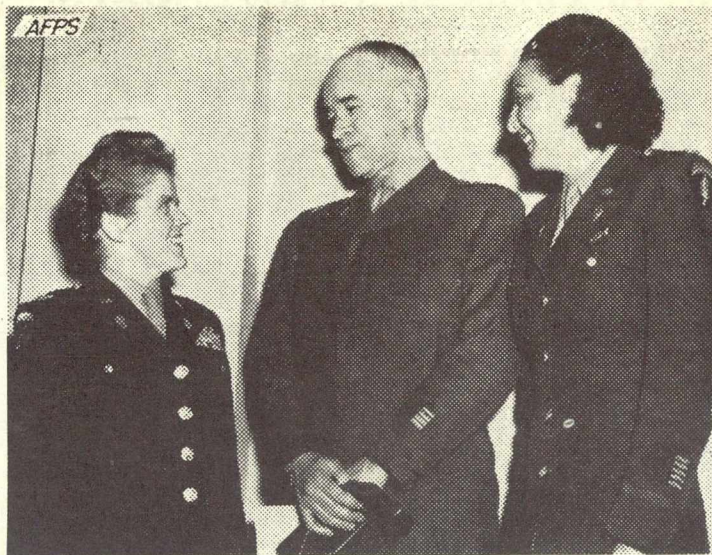
Question: I was wounded in World War II. Is my compensation check subject to seizure by creditors?

Answer: No.

Question: My employer has dismissed me from my job-training position. What can I do so that I can continue to receive subsistence allowance?

Answer: Your training status was terminated and your subsistence allowance ceased when your employer dismissed you. It is now up to you to seek another place of employment with an approved on-the-job training program.

Army Chief Favors Women in Service



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Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, is shown with Col. Mary Hallaren, WAC director (left), and Maj. Selma Herbert, head of the WACS legislative liaison division. The photo was made soon after Gen. Bradley appeared before a House Armed Services subcommittee in support of legislation to make women's organizations an integral part of the nation's Armed Services.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

The Senate Armed Services Committee has been advised that legislation sponsored by Senator Lodge, Mass., authorizing enlistment of aliens, meets with Army approval. Purpose of the measure is to help bring the Army up to strength and fill the gaps unable to be filled by voluntary recruitment. A recommended amendment to the bill, offered by the Army, suggests that alien enlistees be permitted to enter the United States for brief intensive training, to include indoctrination in American ideals and traditions. A principal source of alien manpower would be displaced persons living in the U.S. zones of Germany and Austria. These men could be best used probably in the Far East, Caribbean areas and Alaska, according to the Army.

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Latest word on the proposed new uniform of the Air Forces is that no official decision has been made as yet and that if and when agreement has been reached, notification will be made to all interested parties. The Army and Navy Journal, unofficial weekly catering to the members of the Armed Forces, recently published their version of the proposed uniform as follows:

"The color, 'Air Force Blue,' much like the British RAF uniforms, has been decided upon

and the design itself is fairly well settled. It will have a roll collar and be of finger-tip length. Chevrons for non-commissioned personnel will be in the form of 'V's' shaped like stylized wings with the apex down (inverted from the present chevrons). The insignia of rating will be carried between the wings. Replacing the regular ratings, such as sergeant, will be new ones like 'aircraftsman.'

The Armed Forces' service-women may shortly become an integral part of the National Military Establishment. A House Armed Service Sub-committee is presently considering a measure to allow the enlistment and commissioning of women as Regulars in the Army, Navy and Air Force. The bill already has been approved by the Senate. Latest development was a suggested change by Representative Lyndon Johnson, Texas, that the WACS be increased from 2 per cent of the Army's total strength to 4 per cent. The lowest figure would permit a corps of about 13,000. A tie vote defeated this proposal and the Committee went on record advocating a 13,000 peacetime WAC. Approval of the entire bill would necessitate the setting up of a sister complement to the Wacs, Waves and Lady Leathernecks by the Air Force—probably called the Wafs, Women of the Air Forces.

Troop Information And Education

Educational Reconditioning and the Troop Information Program, have been combined under the new title Troop Information and Education. Lieutenant Frances E. Harlee is the Chief of the new section. She recently returned from the Army Information School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to the five men who received their high school diplomas during the month of February. This was the procedure followed:

1. They took the General Educational Development tests, high school level. (These tests cover English, Arithmetic, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Literary Materials).

2. The scores were forwarded to USAFI Headquarters at Madison, Wisconsin.

3. The scores were then sent to the last school attended or the State Department of Public Instruction; as the man desired.

4. The school evaluated the scores and granted a regular diploma or high school equivalency certificate; or recommended certain basic subjects be taken in order to qualify.

5. If a person needed American History, Government, or some particular subject, the Education office advised what courses or classes could be taken while in the service to fill the requirement.

It is that simple. If you have been putting off seeing the Troop I & E Office about your education, you've been missing the boat. Make the most of your spare time.

Economize your time. Rather than trying to get your education planned the week before your discharge, think now about preparing yourself for the future. What are you going to do—go to school, learn a trade, remain in the Army? No matter which you choose, your educational background affects the results of the job of your choice.

Consult the Education Office for information about schools, trades, professions and Military Occupational Speciality numbers. It's Troop I & E, Building 1039, extension 4403.

Doctor: "What is a red corpuscle?"

E/M: "Sir, a red corpuscle is a Russian non-commissioned officer."

She: "If you were my husband I'd give you poison."

He: "If you were my wife, I'd take it."



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Discoveries on Virus Diseases Are Disclosed

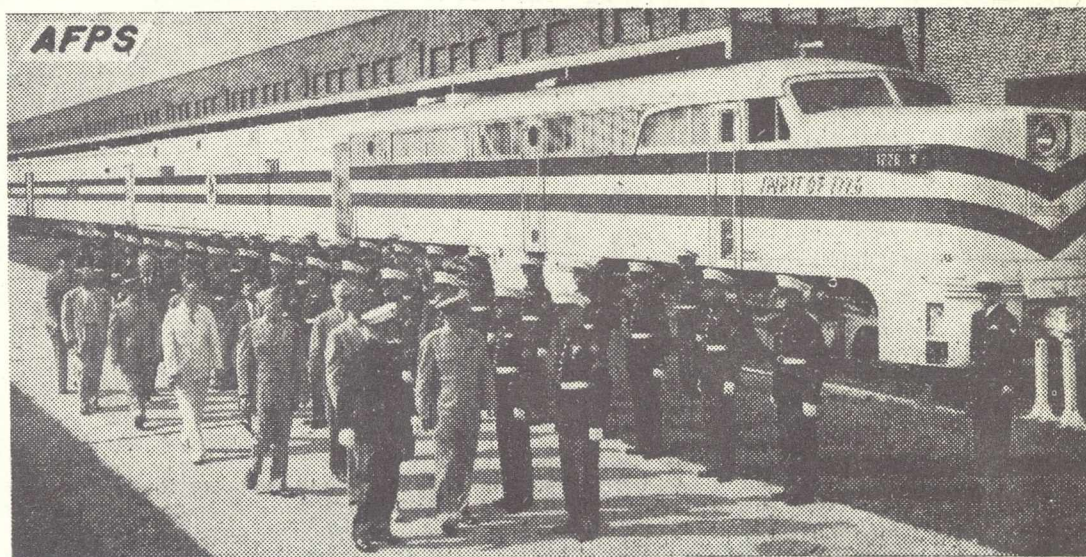
Discoveries regarding virus and rickettsial diseases which are so new they have not yet been included in standard medical school courses have been announced to Army doctors attending a new kind of Basic Science Course now being given at the Army Medical Department Research and Graduate School in Washington.

New facts, concerning influenza, primary atypical pneumonia, and "Q" fever, were included in a most complete and up-to-date series of lectures and demonstrations just concluded on these diseases, according to Dr. J. E. Smadel, Director of the Virus and Rickettsial Division of the school.

The function of the Army's system of watch posts for influenza was explained by Dr. A. F. Rasmussen, Jr., Associate Professor of Medical Microbiology and Preventive Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. Established over a year ago, watch posts throughout the U. S. and several at key overseas posts keep a sharp lookout for outbreaks of flu. One of these watch posts is in the Sixth Army Area Medical Laboratory at Fort Baker, which works closely with the personnel of Letterman in analyzing specimens in cases of possible virus infection.

The value of the system in spotting epidemics was illustrated in Los Angeles last December when an epidemic of mysterious diseases labeled "virus X" spread through the city almost overnight. Within six days Captain Charles Kempe at the Fort Baker watch post had demonstrated that the virus responsible for the respiratory phase of the disease lumped together as "virus X," was influenza virus A, the same flu strain responsible for the epidemic of January 1947, but

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FREEDOM TRAIN DUE IN SAN FRANCISCO TOMORROW

The famed Freedom Train, in which the documents of democracy are on display, will be on a siding in the Marina District, near the Marina Gate of the Presidio, for three days, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of next week.

FREEDOM TRAIN HERE FOR THREE DAYS

The Freedom Train, carrying the historic documents of our democracy, will arrive in San Francisco tomorrow for a three-day stay. Letterman patients will find it convenient to visit the train and view the documents, since it will be on a siding in the Marina, near the Marina Gate of the Presidio.

Following the arrival of the train on Sunday morning, Mayor Elmer Robinson will speak at ceremonies between 9 and 10 a. m. The train will then be open to the public from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. that day, and also on Monday and Tuesday.

Designed to arouse the American people to a better understanding of the "ideals and practices of American democracy," the Freedom Train began a nation-wide tour last September 17, the birthday of the Con-

stitution. The train schedule called for stops in more than 300 cities, in all 48 states.

Responsible for promoting the unique tour is the American Heritage Foundation, a non-profit, non-political organization composed of many of the leading men of the nation. The Attorney-General of the United States took over national sponsorship of the train. It is estimated that more than three million people have thus far seen the documents aboard the Freedom Train.

On display inside the train are 100 of the salient documents in American history, beginning with a letter Columbus wrote describing his voyage to the Americas, and taking the story up to the first signed copy of the Charter of the United Nations.

From a collector's standpoint, the "scraps of paper" are extremely valuable. Such paper has rarity and historical importance. But the Freedom Train is after bigger values and larger audiences. The collection is intended as a dramatic demonstration, for all Americans, of the development of our democratic law and order, the American dream of freedom, and the sacrifices which many have made to keep it going. The handwriting of Washington and Lincoln is there to see and, more important, what they had to say.

It has been pointed out that the main purpose of the Freedom Train tour is to bring home to the people of the United States the truth of the train's slogan "Freedom Is Everybody's Job."

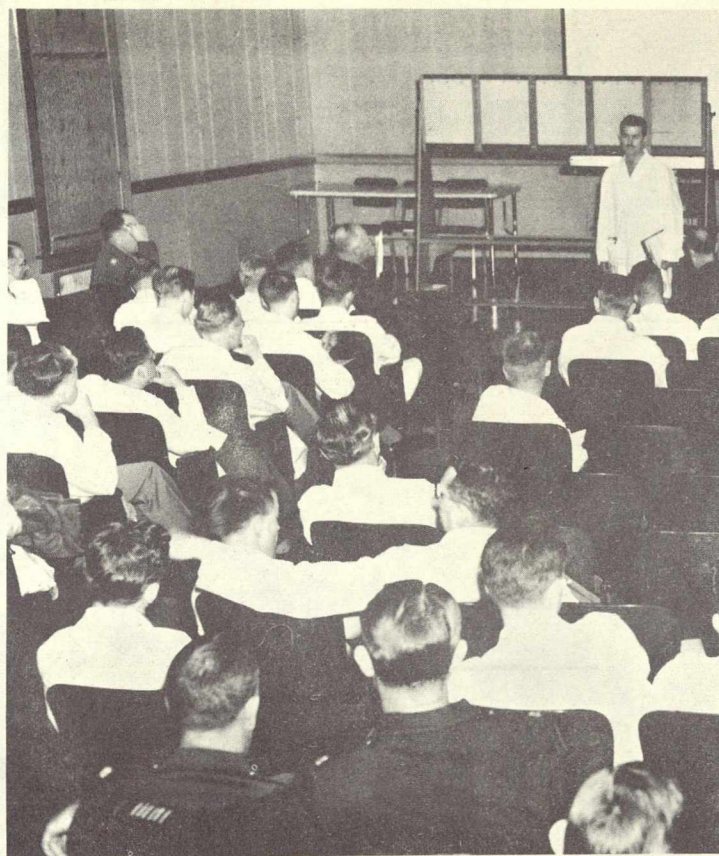
Army Doctors Study Relation of Basic Science to Illness

Army doctors are going back to school, but school was never like this! To meet postwar conditions and insure its personnel the best in medical care, the Army has taken a long lead in progressive medical education at the postgraduate level. An important part of the new training program is the Basic Science Course now being given to a group of picked "students" (Army doctors ranging from captains to full colonels) by the Army Medical Department Research and Graduate School at Washington.

The course makes use of actual patients as the starting point for discussion of fundamental concepts in the fields of chemistry, physics, anatomy, biology, pharmacology and the other basic sciences as they relate to medical diagnosis and therapy. The 16-week course, now past the halfway mark, represents an entirely new concept in medical education, and has already proved its worth to such an extent that several university medical schools are using it as a model in the reorganization of their advanced courses. Plans are being made to give the course once a year.

As scientific research digs deeper into the nature of things, providing a more accurate picture of matter and energy and their interrelationship, a thorough grounding in basic science becomes more and more important to the practicing physician. Empiricism gives way before specific knowledge. Medical men are constantly whittling away at the percentage of medical failures, and basic science supplies the whittling tools. Doctors are not content with the fact that a given therapy will usually be effective; when the mechanisms of disease and treatment are understood, the physician is able to vary therapy to meet the requirements of each particular patient. As Colonel Walter H. Moursund, Jr., Director of Training at the Army Medical Center, and one of the course's originators, expressed it, "The clinician able to apply the basic sciences at the bedside is a rather rare individual and all too often the press of clinical medicine does not permit adequate coverage of all the phases of the basic disturbances in physiology, bio-chemistry, pharmacology, etc., which might enter into the consideration of an individual patient."

The course is divided into three categories: (1) study of how the human body as a whole utilizes and



ARMY DOCTORS GO TO SCHOOL

Currently under way at the Army Medical Department Research and Graduate School in Washington is the Basic Science Course being given to a group of picked "students" (Army doctors ranging from captains to full colonels). This course is part of the Army's program of progressive medical education at the postgraduate level.

metabolizes essential substances such as water, carbohydrate, protein, etc.; (2) study of how the body handles these substances when affected by modifying agents or situations such as bacterial invasion, heat and cold, heredity, rate of growth, radiation or drugs, and (3) study of the contrast between normal and abnormal functioning of the various systems of the body.

Presentation of separate subjects by the 50 visiting instructors depends heavily on laboratory demonstrations and actual clinical treatment of selected cases. Each instructor speaks from the wealth of his experience rather than from prepared lecture notes, explaining basic scientific principles as they apply to the case at hand. Note-taking by students is precluded by a complete recording of classroom discussions. Edited and mimeographed copies of the lectures are available to stu-

dents within a few days of the end of each course. Laboratory and clinic demonstrations are preserved for reference on motion picture film with sound track. Didactic lecture is being held to a minimum and approximately 60 per cent of the allotted time is devoted to laboratory and clinic work. These features in particular of the experimental technique are being watched with great interest by leaders in every educational field.

Crux of the plan's success is the caliber of the instructors. The most distinguished faculty ever assembled for such a course has been recruited from among the outstanding medical and surgical men of the U. S. and Canada. Eminent specialists with varied and heavy responsibilities have agreed to give of their time to the project, persuaded by a firm conviction of the soundness and importance of the experiment.

The first two categories listed have just been completed. Much of the course material is so new that it has not yet been incorporated into standard medical courses, and some of it is being presented for the first time.

Water not only constitutes about 70 per cent of the human body but it provides the solvent or medium in which all the chemical reactions that go to make up life take place. Water metabolism, logically the first subject of the course, was introduced by Professor John K. Peters, Professor of Medicine at Yale University. Tissue electrolytes, the body's extra- and intra-cellular fluids, were described by Dr. A. Baird Hastings of the Harvard Medical School, who explained the gas-liquid-solid relationship of the body under normal and abnormal conditions. Dr. James L. Gamble, well-known pediatrician, also of Harvard Medical School, carried the discussion farther into the mechanisms of fluid control in the body and the treatment of pathological states.

The life process is dependent on oxygen to liberate the energy required by every human function and action. Oxygen is particularly interesting from a military standpoint because its scarcity at high altitudes is a limiting factor in aviation. The physical and chemical behavior of oxygen were described by Dr. E. J. Van Liere, Professor of Physiology at the University of West Virginia. Evaluation of external measures to combat the effects of temporary or prolonged anoxia experienced at high altitudes formed an important part of his lecture. Mechanisms by which the body seeks to compensate for a lowered oxygen supply, and the end results of inadequate oxygen intake were covered by Dr. Carl Schmidt of the University of Pennsylvania. Metabolism, the sum of the complicated processes by which a living organism is produced, maintained and supplied with energy, was divided into seven courses. Dr. L. H. Newburgh, Professor of Clinical Investigation at the University of Michigan Medical School, took up energy metabolism especially as it relates to extra-cellular fluid and obesity. The nature and control of enzymes was explained by Dr. V. R. Potter, Professor of Oncology at the University of Wisconsin Medical School. Dr. C. N. H. Long, Dean of Yale University Medical School, covered

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



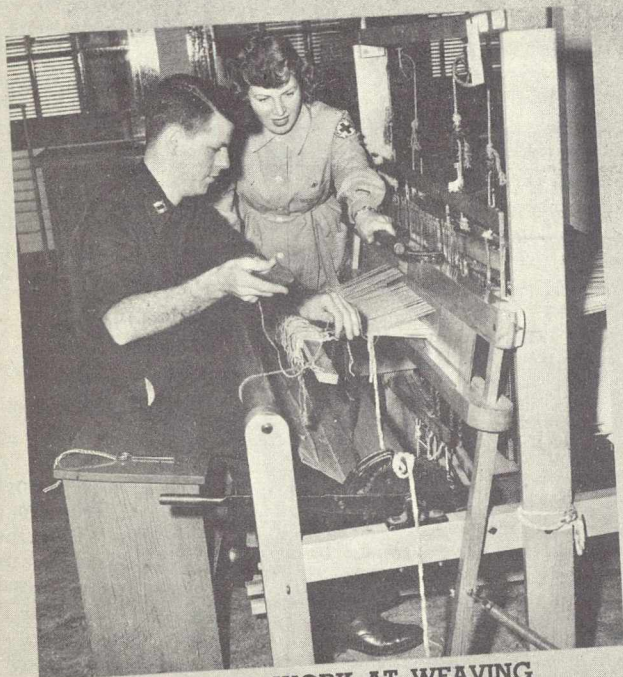
THE LGH GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Recently closed a successful season by taking runner - up honors in the Sixth Army Championship tournament at Fort Lewis, Wash. L to R (front row): Clara Queen, Helen Hicks, Becky Monroy, Minnie Young, Henrietta Zuzga, Betty Miller. Top row: Margaret Lassiter, Frances Jenkins, Opal Glenn, Mildred Stech, Lydia Dobaran, Betty Hearne, team captain.



MORE THAN A PASTIME

Sam Shortz, Letterman patient, learned to make these toy animals here at LGH, and now he plans to make and sell them after he leaves the hospital. At right is his Red Cross Arts and Skills instructor, Mrs. Donald Funge.



PLANS TO WORK AT WEAVING

Here Mrs. Funge instructs Captain Robert J. Fanning, patient at Letterman, in the art of weaving. Captain Fanning plans to make weaving and designing his work when he leaves the Army.



BICYCLING IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

Convalescent patients, members of the LGH Bicycle Club, enjoying one of their weekly trips, planned and conducted by Red Cross recreation worker Peggy Russell. L to R: Jerry Cryer, Billie Thornton, Miss Russell, K. N. Renner.

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EDITORIAL

FREEDOM TRAIN

This has been Re-Dedication Week in San Francisco—re-dedication to the principles of freedom and democracy for which our government stands. Ceremonies have been held for school children—the citizens of the future—and for adults—the citizens of the present.

The re-dedication exercises were held as a preparation for the Freedom Train's arrival in San Francisco tomorrow for a three-day stay.

While the train is here, the people will have an opportunity to see for themselves the original documents that have molded the history of this country. Many of us have forgotten much that we once learned about the foundations upon which our government is built, and there could be no more fitting time than this to refresh our memories.

We shall have an opportunity to realize anew that guaranteeing "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is not a simple matter; that it requires constant struggle to maintain that degree of these desirables that has already been attained.

The Letterman library has on its shelves the official book of the Freedom Train, "Heritage of Freedom." It tells the story of the history and significance of the more than 125 documents on exhibit in the train. The thoughtful reader will find it rewarding.

Today more than ever we



Three members of the Army Nurse Corps here are leaving shortly for duty in the Far East Command. First Lieuts. Cesarina Y. Barri and Margaret D. Coleman are going to Korea, and First Lieut. Olah Jones will be stationed in Yokohama.

The dietitians staff is busy with preparations for the special St. Patrick's Day dinner to be served next Wednesday, says Captain Velma Richardson, chief dietitian. A lot of green is featured in the menu, from green olives to green beans to pistachio ice cream. There will even be an "Erin Go Bragh" flag for everyone.

Lieut. Elizabeth Stevenson of the dietitians staff has returned from Brooke Army Medical Center, having completed the two-week course in Mess Administration there.

Thanks to Captain Lily Neal, ANC, for her able assistance this week in arranging details for the pictures of military and civilian nurses in various on- and off-duty activities.

First Lieut. Alice L. Moffett, ANC, is on a 15-day leave, which she is enjoying at her home in Phoenix, Arizona.

The physical therapists and the dietitians are wearing their glittering new insignia, the black-and-silver of the Women's Medical Specialist Corps.

It wasn't easy to persuade Captain Ruby Bradley, ANC, to "get in the picture" taken this week at the Nurses' Recreation Hall, but she finally consented.

After First Lieut. Charlotte M. Higgins of the dietitians staff has been through Separation Center in a couple of weeks, it won't be any effort for her to become accustomed to civilian life, because she is now on a two-week leave and living like a civilian already.

Welcome to a newcomer to the ANC staff—First Lieut. Florence E. Whittier, who comes to Letterman from overseas duty in Germany.

need to know and to perform the duties of citizenship. Let the Freedom Train be a potent reminder of those duties.

WAC

Congratulations to the six members of the detachment who received promotions this week. With the added stripes, the names now read thus: T/3 Henrietta Callari, T/3 Elsie Lepitre, T/3 Christine McConnell, Sgt. Lucy Sellers, T/4 Leatrice Lamascus, T/4 Helen Brown.

Seven of the girls qualified for the rank of Tech Sergeant, but the T/O said no, so the only satisfaction gained for the present is the knowledge that, anyway, they could have been, had there only been sufficient openings. The potential T/Sgts. are: S/Sgts. Viola Hocking, Violet Collings, Elizabeth Hess, Josephine Porter, and T/3s Billie Maples, Marjorie Burns, and Edith Altenburg.

Captain Charlotte Woodworth, detachment CO, has been enjoying a visit from her parents, who are here from New York. They are leaving soon for Tucson, Arizona, where they will spend the rest of the winter.

Welcome to nine recently arrived members of the detachment: T/Sgt. Marie Nelson, S/Sgt. Gladys Knowles, T/3 Jeanette Peterson, T/3 Mary Harko, T/3 Helen Walker, T/3 Katherine Brown, Sgt. Norma Underhill, Sgt. Doris O'Donnell, and T/5 Marie Paradis.

If you hear cries of anguish somewhat resembling "Gangway, gangway!" it will be Sally Craig behind the wheel of her recently acquired automobile. In the short time that Sally has had this vehicle, one and all of the LGH personnel have acquired a healthy "respect" for her driving "ability."

Sgt. Carolyn Wirt and T/4 Helen Brown were on the entertainment committee for the first dance held at the Letterman NOC club, and they are getting congratulations on the success of the evening. The crowd at the dance enjoyed themselves, the band and the entertainer.

M/Sgt. Opal Glenn and her husband spent the week-end in the mountains, near Reno, and thoroughly enjoyed the drive over Donner Summit. They had their movie camera along, and are now anxiously waiting to see if the Technicolor shots look as good as the real scenes.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 14, March, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Mass daily during Lent at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Leaves Letterman

CWO William R. Tubbs, assistant director of Military Personnel, is leaving Letterman for duty in the Far East Command, with station at Yokohama. At present he is on pre-embarkation leave, and will report to Camp Stoneman in April.

This week marked the completion of two years at Letterman for Mr. Tubbs, and during that time he has been a valuable asset to the staff, dealing with his duties here with a high degree of efficiency. He has been in the Regular Army since 1922, and during that time has served in the Cavalry, the Infantry, the Ordnance Department and the Medical Department. Before coming to Letterman he was stationed at Hammond General Hospital, and was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for efficient performance of his duties there.

Library

"Mona Lisa's Mustache" is the irreverent title of a book on modern art, written by T. H. Robsjohn-Gibbings. He seems firmly convinced that the "attic-explorers" of tomorrow will look upon the art we treasure today as "an attempt to reverse scientific progress and rational thought." He views the overall history of modern art as a conspiracy brewed in a witch's cauldron, and modern artists as charlatans, witch doctors, and Hitlers. If you like modern art, you will have a fine time boiling over while reading this; and if you don't like modern art you will have an equally fine time agreeing with the author. In the Library.

ON THE SPOT



JOSEPH S. DALEY
Technician Fourth Grade

Technician 4th Grade Joseph S. Daley, Wardmaster of Ward N-2, is a Medical Corpsman from "away back" and proud of it.

Joe entered the Service on April 24, 1942 at Buffalo, New York, and was immediately sent to the Medical Replacement Training Center at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, for his basic training. After finishing basic, Joe went to the Station Hospital at Camp Gordon, Georgia. He served there as a ward man for approximately one year before going to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey to process for overseas shipment.

He went overseas in November 1943, landing at Glasgow, Scotland. He was then sent to the 45th Evacuation Hospital in Bristol, England, where he served until a few days prior to the invasion of Normandy.

Joe landed on Omaha Beach with elements of the 45th "Evac" on D-Day. In addition to the Normandy campaign, Joe participated in the Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns.

Upon the termination of the war in Europe, Joe was a high point man with 96 points and was therefore eligible for return to the States. He landed at New York City in October 1945 and from there went to Camp Kilmer for his discharge.

Joe remained on the civilian "status quo" for several months, taking the "rest cure" and then re-enlisted as a T/5 in June 1946 at Buffalo, N. Y. He was sent to Brooks General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to attend the medical technician's course. After finishing the course, he came to Letterman in August 1946 and has been here ever since.

He was promoted to the grade of Technician 4th Grade in December,

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Charles Kahman of Ward 28 has a stamp collection that has been valued at over \$9,000.00. He has been collecting stamps since he was 5 years of age. Stand in line, girls.

James E. Willman of Ward K-2 has rigged up a flash attachment to his camera with baling wire, nails, etc. Now the only worry Jim has is to keep it from blowing up.

Arthur Jorgensen of Ward F-1 is a man who believes in mixing business with pleasure. He takes his P.T. at the Presidio Pitch and Putt Course. As for the business end, he says to ask his playing companion, Arthur Estrada, also of F-1.

Donald I. Etter of Ward F-2 is glad that he is an ambidextrous young man. Don soon plans to reach for his discharge with one hand and his marriage license with the other.

The boys on Ward F-2 accuse Robert Hamilton of being an "after lights out visitor." Bob says that it is not true, that he just walks in his sleep.

"Plumber Red" Rorick of Ward D-2 is on a 30-day leave. "Red" will get a chance to put into practice all those advanced and much expounded theories if his.

James A. Duncan of Ward C-1, who has been on a reducing diet for the past several weeks, is now reaping his reward. Jim gained four pounds.

Question: Who is the meanest man in the world? John Gallas of Ward C-2 says that it is the man who stole his wheel chair and then ate his breakfast while he was non-mobile.

Melvin E. Petry, a detachment member and formerly of the maternity ward, found the strain too much for him. He is now a patient

1947, and according to his ward doctors, this will not be the last one. His ward has received a rating of "superior" for 23 consecutive weeks.

Joe was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1908 and attended Grammar and High School there. He worked as a chauffeur before entering the Service. He likes sports of all kinds and is planning to give the Letterman fishing boat a workout this summer.

on Ward C-1. However, Melvin expects to recuperate in due time and go back to work.

Homer Johnson of Ward 42 is coming along in good shape. He hasn't been sick since the football season ended. Homer is allergic to any and all kinds of football games.

Richard H. Bush of Ward 40 is being transferred to Fitzsimmons General Hospital at Denver in the near future. Dick was captured on Corregidor and was a Jap prisoner for over 3½ years. Good luck, Dick.

Harold G. "Frenchy" Cashmere, former patient on Ward 42, and now a civilian employed at the "Y," says that the Letterman habit is hard for him to break. "Frenchy" is around every day "batting the breeze" with his ex-wardmates.

Ernest Wrangle, the Fog Horn correspondent for Ward E-1, is getting his troubles along with the breaks. Ernest, who was recently married, is expecting to be discharged from the Army soon and is troubled over the prospect of finding an apartment.

Jack D. "Tiny" Schnek of Ward F-2 is 6 feet, 6 inches tall and weighs 275 pounds. "Tiny" recently had a tattoo placed on his right arm and it caused bloodpoisoning in his left leg. He doesn't get it. Somewhat confusing at that.

Charles W. "Gabby" Hearn of Ward E-2 is a very subdued young man these days since the ward doctors threatened to put him back in traction unless he stayed in bed.

The occupants of Ward E-2 say that the only difference between Loren Parmelee and a man who talks in his sleep at night is the fact that Loren isn't asleep.

If you see red lights on the beds in Ward C-2, they are for the benefit of J. D. Miller when he is coming in from town after dark. J. D. says that he doesn't drink anything stronger than milkshakes and it is purely accidental when he runs into beds. Pasteurized milkshakes, that is.

Peter Smith, age 7, is back on Ward B-1. There is nothing wrong with Pete mentally, however. After requesting the time, he said that he had better start hiding because it was about time for the nurse to come with the penicillin.

WAC OF THE WEEK



GLADYS L. KNOWLES
Staff Sergeant

Until she joined the WAC, S/Sgt. Gladys L. Knowles was always called by her middle name of Leona, but since she's been in the Army she's back on speaking (and listening) terms with her first name. She says either will do. She's been in the WAC for over five years, and likes it so well she wants to continue with Army life if the WAC's become a part of the Regular Army.

Gladys was born in Corinna, Maine, which is still her home, and she went to school there at the Corina Union Academy. She enlisted in the WAC in September 1942 and went to Des Moines for basic training and motor transport training.

Her first assignment was at WAC Branch No. 1, Army Administrative School, at Nacogdoches, Texas, where she thoroughly enjoyed her work as driver. She was there for over a year, then in February 1944, when the school closed, she went to Camp Robinson, Arkansas. There she worked in Medical Supply, so she requested medical technicians' training, and was sent to Army-Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., for a three-month course. She returned to Camp Robinson and was assigned to the X-ray Laboratory. In March 1945 she went to Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, Texas, as first sergeant of the detachment, and the following July went back to Des Moines for overseas training.

Her overseas assignment was Frankfort, Germany, where she worked as a typist in the X-ray clinic. She was in Germany for 28 months, and visited Switzerland, the Riviera, Czechoslovakia and Berchtesgaden during her stay. After her return home just before Christmas she enjoyed a 68-day furlough, then came to duty at LGH last month, and is again doing X-ray work.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Rita Jenicek of Military Personnel is taking a leave to go to Chicago to be married to William Davis, former Letterman patient. The wedding will take place on April 3, and after the honeymoon the happy couple will return to make their home here in San Francisco.

Verla Worn of the Laboratory Service was wearing a handsome corsage of white carnations one day this week, and for a very special reason. Those who ask her the reason are sure to be surprised.

Zita Kelly should (and does) know all about Letterman by now. She has been with the Army since the day after Pearl Harbor, and next week will celebrate the completion of six years at Letterman. She came here 16 March, 1942, which makes next Tuesday an anniversary for her.

The sincere sympathy of her friends at Letterman goes to Stella Jackson of the Pathology Laboratory, whose mother died last week after a serious illness following a stroke.

Olga Eilers of Separation Center is doing a little self-separation in the near future. She is resigning to go to New Mexico to join her sister.

In a letter to Martha Phillips of Control office, Ruth Staley, who teaches typing at Letterman, and is now enjoying a vacation in Minnesota, asks to be remembered to her friends here. She says she will be glad to get back to California, but that in spite of sub-zero temperatures, she and her little daughter have been having a fine time ever since their arrival in Minnesota before the holidays.

Margery Granger transferred this week from Separation office to ward O-2, where she will perform the duties of ward clerk.

It wasn't a voice on the phone, it was a foghorn, reports Helen Diez of the Record Room. It turned out that the happy impersonator of the fog warning was Bill O'Brien, Records Administrator. Mrs. Diez says it was a wonderful imitation, but whether brought on by listening to the foghorns in the Bay or by reading this publication, she isn't quite sure.

No man is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of someone else.—Charles Dickens.

SHE WAS MARRIED AT LETTERMAN TO AN LGH MAN—NOW SHE'S HERE, TOO



Mrs. JERRIE IVORY
Assistant Manager, Letterman Main PX

Mrs. Jerrie Ivory, who recently came to the Main PX as assistant manager to Mrs. Alice Thompson, has been a Lettermanite since May 1947, but her link with Letterman is of longer standing than that. In January 1945 she was married in the Letterman chapel to Thomas Ivory, who was then in the LGH detachment. So if the conversation in the PX ever gets around to Jerrie's wedding, she can startle her listeners by casually remarking "I was married right upstairs," referring to the chapel overhead.

Jerrie was born in Salt Lake City, and during the war worked in an ammunition factory there. In 1942 she came to San Francisco, and after working for a time in the Army Post Office, returned to Salt Lake City and joined the WAC. After basic training at Des Moines, she was sent back to San Francisco to an assignment where she worked on V-Mail. After her marriage in 1945 she received her discharge from the WAC, and became a homemaker. She and her husband have two daughters, Helen, who is two

and Catherine, who is a year old.

After Jerrie's husband got out of the Army, he came back to LGH as assistant manager of the Main PX, the job Jerrie now has. Last May Jerrie began PX work, in the East Hospital PX. She says she likes it better than any work she has ever done, with never a dull moment. Then last month she took over her husband's job as assistant manager, and he went to the East Hospital PX as manager of that store. Jerrie says she particularly enjoys working with Mrs. Thompson, manager of the Main PX.

Free time for Jerrie is scarce, and what there is is mostly taken up with the care of her two daughters, but when there is time she enjoys roller-skating. She likes baseball games, and since she can't often go to the games, makes a point of never missing a broadcast during the season. She says she likes almost all outdoor sports.

Jerrie's theme song might well be "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," because in her case that seems to be just about all the time.



To Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Ralph Graham, a boy, **Gary Edward**, born 1 March.

To Corporal and Mrs. Edelbert Scroggins, a girl, **Linda Lee**, born 2 March.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Edward B. Hass, a girl, **Linda Jean**, born 3 March.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Gordon V. Stoddard, a boy, **David Victor**, born 4 March.

To Major and Mrs. Gerald J. Tison, a boy, **Gerald Jackson, Jr.**, born 6 March.

To Major and Mrs. Hal Bruce Jennings, a boy, **Ronald Bruce**, born 6 March.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Richard J. Berg, a girl, **Nicola Ann**, born 7 March.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Lee Barker, a boy, **Michael Robert**, born 7 March.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. James Lester Williams, Jr., a boy, **Ronald Lester**, born 8 March.

MORE ABOUT VIRUS DISEASES

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quite different from the flu virus of 1943 and 1945. It is hoped that findings from research now in progress on the mild flue viruses will supply the information necessary to control another epidemic of the virulent flu virus of 1918, should it recur.

The unsuspected widespread incidence of Q fever was pointed out by Dr. R. L. Gauld of the Army Medical Department Research and Graduate School. Until 1945, it was thought that Q fever, a virus infection very similar to primary atypical pneumonia, was confined to Queensland, Australia; hence its name. Blood tests made among our troops in Italy in April 1945, however, showed that a severe epidemic of what has been diagnosed as atypical pneumonia was actually Q fever, and further research brought to light its occurrence in Greece, Syria and Palestine, and as far west as Tripoli, Spain and Portugal. There have even been recent outbreaks in the U. S.

MEDICAL DETACH

If you see something resembling a dust storm coming from the Receiving Office any day between 1500 and 1600 hours that will be T/5 Donald Breen and T/5 Olin White tidying up the place before S/Sgt. Robbie Gaulding arrives for work. Keep that old "Indian sign" on them, Robbie.

T/Sgt. James John and Corporal Erick Callman of the Hospital Service Branch and Corporal Carl J. Wuitschick of the Training Branch Office are back from a three-day pass to the Santa Anita races. The boys say that the horses ran backwards—that is, the ones that they bet on.

M/Sgt. Frank Williams of Pharmacy, who made Medical Detach news awhile back as the man whose weight was down to a mere ton, was telling a group of his barracks mates of his plan to hitch hike a plane ride to Los Angeles. The crude reply: "You don't think the Army is going to send a B-29 to fly you alone, do you, Willie?"

M/Sgt. George Barte of Educational Reconditioning Branch was seen getting \$20.00 worth of small change at the Letterman N.C.O. Club. When asked what he was going to do with all that change, George replied: "I'm gonna get a couple of hamburgers." Some kid, eh fun?

There will be a lot of familiar faces missing around Letterman in a few days. Here is a cross section sample; Bound for Korea: T/Sgt. William B. Stewart of the Receiving Office, S/Sgt. James R. Holland of the C/A Office, S/Sgt. Fred Haus of the N.P. Clinic. For Manila: M/Sgt. Jessie A. Woodward, Jr., of Military Personnel, T/Sgt. Raymond A. Haun, Asst. Personnel Sgt. Major. For Guam: T/3 Claude W. Lawrence of the Hospital Mess, T/3 Kenneth C. Weir of the X-Ray Clinic. For Yokohama: S/Sgt. Elbert R. Ashbaugh, Jr., of the Machine Shop. No. B.T.O.'s in the E.T.O. here.

T/Sgt. Marshall Noel of Military Personnel took a "hunt and peck" speed typing test the other day and ended up with the grand total of 8 words per minute. Quit racing your motor, Noel.

HE DIVIDES HIS TIME BETWEEN PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK AND THE GYM



Master Sergeant JAMES N. MALONE
Chief Clerk, LGH Gymnasium

This year Master Sergeant James N. Malone will complete 11 years service with the Armed Forces. Four years of that time was spent in the Marine Corps, the balance in the Army. Army posts seem like home to him because his father was in the Army, and he grew up at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

M/Sgt. Malone joined the Marine Corps in 1936, just after he left school, and his four years in that branch of the service was spent in San Diego, where he was with the 7th Scouting Squadron. In 1940 he became a civilian again, went to live in Riverside, California, and later worked for a time in the shipyards. He joined the California National Guard, then in September 1942 enlisted for full time duty and was sent to Camp Beale. There he served in SU 1918, Corps of Military Police, until January 1943.

His next duty station was Pittsburgh Replacement Depot, where he was operations NCO and training instructor until March of 1944. He went to Camp Lee as training instructor, then to Fort Myer, Virginia, and was first sergeant of the detachment, 2501 SCU, until November 1945.

After re-enlistment, he was sent to Washington, D. C., where he was chief of Map and Presentation Section with the Joint Chiefs of Staff

organization. There he was able to put to good use his knowledge of motion picture and still photography, and since he has been at Letterman he received the Army Commendation Ribbon for his work during the time he was in Washington.

The citation accompanying the decoration stated that he "performed meritorious service . . . in an outstanding manner and with distinction he maintained the highest standards of map presentation and service in connection with the work of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee. By working long hours and by his knowledge, skill, persistency and ingenuity, Sergeant Malone maintained an exceptionally high standard of map preparation and service in the face of the great multiplicity and variety of demands made on him."

He came to LGH nearly a year ago, and was first in the Registrar's Office. He is now assigned to Special Services, and in addition to his duties as chief clerk in charge of enlisted personnel in the Letterman gym, is also photographer for Special Services. One day this week he was literally "up in the air" taking aerial photographs.

He and his wife Sarah live in Sausalito. His favorite leisure time diversions are sailing, fishing and horseback riding.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Sgt. William Jordan, T/5 John Knapp and T/5 Utah Crowson have returned from an enjoyable three day pass at the home of T/5 Crowson's parents, in Oregon. Leap Year "ways" attracted Utah, too.

Major John W. Ford, the Transportation Officer, is now on ten days leave in New Jersey. "Mt. Holly," will be an oft mentioned subject upon his return. Sure, it's his home!

Lower C-46 "La Lounge" has formed a gymnastic exercising team, with T/5 Hugh L. Jones as instructor. Under the "Jones" plan, if you can jump back and forth over a broomstick held in your hands 20 times you're in shape; if not, then more exercising. So far, T/5 Jones is still teaching his pupils.

It seems that our "Korea Twins" are about to be separated. Their prominent "Uncle" has decided to send them to different "orphanages." M/Sgt. Marshall C. Lindquist goes to Korea, and T/Sgt. Kenneth W. Dougherty goes to Manila.

Cpl. P. G. Beachamp seems to think that Leap Year or not, the man should be the pursuer. Hints he left with us, before leaving for Texas and a leave, were that he intended to have a certain question answered. The "question" . . . well who knows what girls say in letters to their best boy . . . he might be answering the question???

The LGH N.C.O. Club dance last Saturday evening was a big success. Over 40 couples were present, with a total of about one hundred, twenty-five persons. The Bingo parties are expected to have good attendance too.

Since this column mentioned the "capers" T/5 Gerald K. Gilbert, of the Transportation Office, might have cut while on his last leave, he is somewhat reluctant to provide this column with any information.

Good-byes were said to three of our brothers from Camp Kilmer this week as they departed with VA patients destined for Eastern cities. Sgts. Joe Frank, A. Velie and P. Denton will proceed to their home station after delivery of their patients. Spring should be arriving in New Jersey so they shouldn't miss California too much.

MORE ABOUT ARMY DOCTORS

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carbohydrate metabolism; Dr. H. B. Lewis, head of the Biological Chemistry Department at Michigan Medical School, explained protein chemistry, while Dr. L. E. Farr, Director of Research at the Alfred I. duPont Institute of Nemours Foundation, took up the clinical aspects of protein chemistry. The subjects of lipids and other fats was introduced by Dr. H. E. Longenecker, Dean of the Graduate School of Pittsburgh University, followed by a course in the physiology and chemistry of liquid metabolism given by Dr. S. J. Thannhauser of Tufts Medical School.

Students learned that vitamin A in excessive amounts is currently suspected of being a poison, causing hemorrhage, bone weakness and liver damage, from Dr. William J. Darby of Vanderbilt University, leading vitamin expert, in the course on accessory factors in metabolism.

Category 2, the body's behavior under abnormal conditions, began with a course on the effects of radiation. Nowhere is the relation of medicine to physics and chemistry more apparent and less understood than in the field of radiation, ranging from application of X-ray and radium techniques to the effect on biological systems of the deadly radiations from atomic fission. From the use of radioactive tracers to determine with precision the course of physiological processes will probably come the greatest medical advances of the future. Instructor in the physical aspects of radiation was one of the country's best known biophysicists, Dr. Robley D. Evans of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Biological aspects of radiation, also a pioneer field, was presented by Dr. Shields Warren of Harvard University. Much of his material came from observed effects on human beings of proton, neutron and gamma radiation of the atomic bombs exploded over Japan.

Bacterial invasion of the central nervous system, including the various kinds of meningitis, was taught by Dr. Yale Kneeland, Jr., of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. W. B. Wood, Jr., of Washington University, took up the pulmonary infections. Enteric infections are famous for providing some of the most baffling medical mysteries, and this subject was covered by Dr. H. A. Reimann of Jeff-

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

NOTES ON ARMED FORCES LEGISLATION

Armed Forces' personnel should be interested in a proposal offered up to Congress by Representative Paul W. Shafer (Mich.), suggesting that free life insurance be given to both servicemen and war veterans. Representative Shafer, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, stated that he believed "the Government could save money that way." Reasoning that "it would be cheaper to give them (servicemen and vets) the insurance than to pay out what it costs us to collect the premiums," the Congressman made known the fact that the Joint Army-Navy Personnel Board already had approved the principle of free insurance for men and women on active military duty. Recommendations on the matter are expected to be forthcoming from the Service Secretaries soon, he added, and prompt action on the proposal may be expected by his subcommittee.

Authority has been granted for approval of WAC officers requests to extend their current categories until June 30.

Armed Forces Radio Service, which shortwaves the latest up-to-the-minute radio program of headlines in the field of entertainment, as well as spot news

and educational programs, has come up with another service that should warm the hearts of all sport-loving servicemen overseas. Starting April 18, AFRS will wing over the airways to its international service audience a play-by-play description of all the major league baseball games being played in New York. Overseas fans are advised to check with their own installation network outlet for local time schedules of this straight-from-the-ball-park broadcast series.

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Proponents of UMT are still trying to clear the bill through the House Rules Committee so that it might be brought to the floor of the House for debate. Chairman Walter G. Andrews, of the House Armed Service Committee, said that he "hoped" for early consideration of UMT, laying dormant in the Rules Committee since last June. The appeal was made during a Rules Committee hearing on three other bills which were OK'd for floor consideration. These were: a bill to keep alive the war-built synthetic rubber producing industry; a bill to provide inactive training pay for reserve components of the Armed Forces; and a bill to provide retirement benefits for reservists.

erson Medical College.

Dr. J. E. Smadel, director of virus research at the Army Medical Department Research and Graduate School, told the class of discovering the new antibiotic, chloromycetin, a drug only now being tested in the field for its ability to stop the spread of dreaded scrub typhus. The course in virus and rickettsial disease also included recent findings concerning the diagnosis and transmission of influenza, Q fever and atypical pneumonia, explained by Dr. A. F. Rasmussen, Jr., Associate Professor of Medical Microbiology at the University of Wisconsin, and Dr. R. L. Gauld of the Army Medical Department Research and Graduate School. Wartime conditions and improved laboratory tests have shown that the latter two, often confused with influenza, are much more prevalent both here and abroad than had ever been suspected.

The tangled threads of heredity are inextricably wound through the practice of medicine, but the subject is primarily one of basic biology, straddling the fields of zoology and botany. Dr. Lawrence H. Snyder of the University of Okla-

homa, who has spent twenty years in pioneer research on hereditary traits and diseases, described genetic mechanisms as they are now understood. He used as illustration a "map" showing the relative position on the x and y chromosomes of some of the genes carrying sex-linked traits. Dr. Snyder hopes that a complete map of the genes' relative positions may enable doctors to tell which individuals have inherited affected genes from their parents, even before clinical symptoms appear, and to predict the nature and severity of the future course of inherited disease. Such knowledge would make possible the institution of preventive and alleviative measures against the disease early in the life of the affected person.

Few subjects are arousing as much interest in medicine today as that of growth, both normal and abnormal. Upon an understanding of growth mechanics depend rational attacks on the cancer problem. Present status of the field was reviewed by Dr. Stanley P. Reiman, Director of Lankenau Institute of Chemical Research at Philadelphia.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

Question: I am a disabled veteran of World War II and would like to know if I can be given a statement of my disability?

Answer: Information from your folder regarding your disability may be furnished you when, in the opinion of the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, it would not be injurious to your physical or mental health. Your private physician may obtain from VA any information concerning your condition which he requires to treat you.

Question: What should the veteran do if he is not satisfied with the job-training he receives?

Answer: That is a matter for the veteran to decide for himself, but it might be advisable for him to seek counsel of a VA training officer. He can always discontinue his training, or with VA's permission, he can switch to another training establishment.

Question: I was told that my disability, which I claim was due to service, cannot be service-connected because I had it before I entered the service. Am I eligible for compensation?

Answer: If VA decides that your ailment was incurred in or aggravated by your service in the armed forces you will be entitled to receive compensation, if it exists to a compensable degree.

Question: I am a veteran of World War I and would like to know if there is any limit for filing a claim for compensation for disability caused by my war service?

Answer: There is no time limit set for filing claim for compensation under existing legislation.

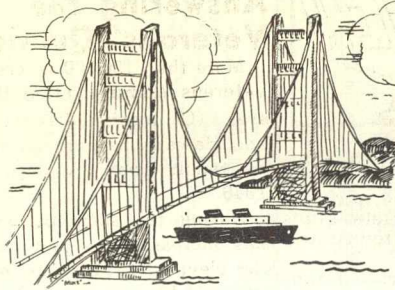
Question: Will VA pay tuition for a veteran to attend school while he is taking on-the-job training under the G. I. Bill?

Answer: Yes, Veterans Administration will pay for such schooling if his course of study is related to the vocation for which he is in training, or if the school course is prescribed and recommended as a part of his job-training.

Question: Have I any recourse to civil courts if I do not like the decision of Veterans Administration on my claim for compensation?

Answer: No.

Further aspects of cancer research and treatment were covered by Dr. Hugh J. Creech, also of Lankenau Institute, and Dr. Austin Brues of the University of Chicago.



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Congress Favors Increasing Air Force Power

(AFPS)—An increase in Air Power appears to be favored by all congressional groups. All want a peaceful democratic world. They realize that to gain this objective the United States must remain militarily strong, as a bulwark of defense against totalitarian aggression.

There have been two official bodies designated to make thorough research and recommendations concerning the status of our Air Power.

The first of these was the Presidential Commission, whose report was confined to the Air Force Proper. The second, the Congressional Aviation Policy Board, submitted its finding recently. This report was broader in scope, and covered the Naval Air Arm as well as the Air Force.

These two reports were identical in placing aerial warfare as the paramount factor should there be future war. The addition of the atomic bomb as an implement of war they claim serves only to increase the role of Air Power, rather than to diminish it.

Both investigating groups recommended that present production be at least tripled; both contemplated annual National Defense appropriations of at least eighteen billion dollars or more, with an increased proportion going toward the strengthening of the air arm of both the Air Force and the Navy.

Two plans have been forwarded for consideration. Both are extended over a five-year period, at the end of which time the peak will have been reached, and after which it would be necessary to maintain instead of increase aircraft numbers.

The first recommends a 1953 to-



LGH STAMP CLUB WINS TROPHY

The trophy won by patients at Letterman for their first prize stamp collection entered in the World Hobby Exposition at Chicago is held above by Major R. H. Vinding of San Anselmo, member of the Letterman Stamp Club. At right is Miss Anita Seibel, Red Cross recreation worker.

tal of 20,541 aircraft for the Air Force; including Regular Air Force planes, National Guard and Reserve allotments, and storage craft. The same plan proposes 14,500 planes for the Navy, including combat type, fleet, support, training, shortrange craft, and operational spares. This plan would give us a combined air arm of approximately 35,000 aircraft.

The other plan eliminates the reserve aircraft, giving us a total strength of about 24,000 planes.

The details of any increase in production for Air Power must come from Congress. Every indication points toward unified action on their part in making sure that our nation does not relax in this all-important phase of maintaining a strong America to maintain a strong peace.

Letterman Stamp Club Wins First Prize Trophy

A group of Letterman patients received an award last week which they would not trade for the rarest stamp in the world. The highly-valued object is a 20-inch trophy, first prize to "Purple Heart" stamp collectors who entered the World Hobby Exposition held at the Coliseum in Chicago last month.

Competing with stamp clubs in military hospitals throughout the United States, the Letterman Stamp Club, a Red Cross sponsored hobby activity, came away with top honors for their entry of two United States collections and one of Vatican City stamps.

Letterman patients who prepared the entries which won the award are Staff Sergeant Charles Kahman of Chicago, Major R. H. Vinding of San Anselmo and WAC Staff Sergeant Anna B. Roorda of Pasadena. Sergeant Roorda is the president of the Letterman Stamp Club.

Members of the club were jubilant when they received the good news that the Letterman exhibits had won the trophy. From Sergeant Kahman, who has been hospitalized for nearly four years, since a Japanese machine gun bullet brought him down on Leyte, the prize award brought this happy comment:

"It's the best thing that's happened to me for a long time. I've been collecting stamps since I was five years old."

The Stamp Club welcomes new members, and patients who are already interested in this activity, or those who want to begin stamp collecting, are invited to drop in at one of the club meetings. They are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Recreation Center at 7 p. m. There will be a meeting next Tuesday, 23 March.

Station KLGH Offers Radio Training to LGH Patients

"This is station KLGH, the Voice of Information and Education," says the Letterman announcer in the well-known "pause for station identification." Then the show goes on. It's a continuous performance, too, with 15 hours of broadcasting daily, giving LGH listeners a well-balanced variety of programs which include not only information and education but plenty of entertainment as well.

From 8 a. m. until 11 p. m. KLGH is on the air, giving out with words and music calculated to benefit and entertain Lettermanites. As one of the Armed Forces Radio Services stations, KLGH is supplied with the popular shows which first earned top rating as AFRS broadcasts during the war. Among the programs which come from AFRS headquarters in Hollywood are Command Performance, Mail Call, Jubilee, Downbeat, G I Jill, Science Magazine of the Air, and Remember.

Popular features which originate in the KLGH studio are the series of dramatized Information & Education programs written by Bill Roberts of KLGH and performed by a cast of patients and duty personnel; Kate's "Bedside Serenade" from the studio and from the Army YMCA; and the twice weekly "Coffee Time." The latter is the USAFI (United States Armed Forces Institute) quiz program broadcast from the Recreation Center. Enthusiastic patients crowd in to answer questions and earn a silver dollar for each correct answer. "Coffee Time" is rated tops in popularity with KLGH listeners. "Sports Page" broadcast three mornings a week by Walter Cardinet, is also a popular feature on the LGH station.

Beginning next week, a series of dramatic stories on Air Corps activities will be aired at 4 p. m. on Tuesdays. The KLGH weekly radio bulletin, which lists all broadcasts, is posted on the bulletin boards and distributed to each patient on bed-patient wards, thus keeping patients informed on what's next over the hospital station.

"Music of the Masters" and "The Music Room Presents" are programs of recordings from the collection of Sgt. Harry Wagner, and both these programs are scheduled daily. Requests to hear particular records are welcomed.

Guest stars who give ward shows at Letterman under the auspices of the Hospitalized Veterans Entertainment Committee are interviewed over KLGH, and announcement is



AT THE KLGH CONTROLS
Major Harold Klatt, Letterman patient who has learned what goes on inside a radio station from the staff members of KLGH. He has done both announcing and acting over KLGH, and plans to put his newly-acquired knowledge of good use in civilian life.

made of the wards on which they will make a personal appearance, in order to enable ambulatory patients to see these celebrities.

Patient participation in KLGH broadcasts has always been a feature of the station's policy, and Station Manager John Miller wishes to remind both patients and duty personnel who are interested in learning any aspect of radio work that KLGH is their station, and the staff is ready to cooperate by giving instruction in script writing announcing, acting, or in the technical side of radio work.

Plans are under way to resume in the near future the weekly half-hour mystery broadcast "Who's Guilty?" On this program the mystery is broadcast up to the point of solution, then patients on one of the wards (a different ward is selected each week) give their solutions, and a prize is awarded to the man with the correct answer and the best reasons for that answer.

Patients may submit scripts for

this show, or, if they are interested in acting, will be given training that will prepare them to take part in the broadcast.

One of the Letterman patients who has recently taken advantage of the opportunity to learn about the intricacies of radio work is Major Harold Klatt. For the past several months Major Klatt has been studying various aspects of radio work at KLGH.

Major Klatt was seriously wounded on Okinawa, and suffered the loss of both legs and the use of his left hand. He has only partial use of his right hand. He has been in the Army for eleven years. During the war he served with the 7th Infantry Division overseas in the Aleutians, the Marshalls, the Philippines, and on Okinawa.

On KLGH he has been doing announcing and acting, and he is full of praise for the members of the KLGH staff. He says they have helped him to help himself, and calls his work in the radio room "in-

"A" Bomb's Possible Havoc on U. S. City Is Described

(AFPS)—Should an enemy drop a single atomic bomb of 40,000 tons high explosive potency on any large American city, everyone would be killed and everything destroyed within a three-quarter mile radius. Civilian defense crews would be unable to operate in the stricken area because of the resulting radiation.

From three-quarters of a mile to two miles, there would be extensive damage, but all underground and a few above-ground installations might stand.

This grim picture of the havoc possible from a single atomic bomb, twice the power of that dropped on Hiroshima during the war, was painted before a U. S. Mayors' Conference by Maj. Gen. Harold R. Bull, Deputy Chief of Organization and Training, Army General Staff.

"Another war will be plain stupidity, resulting in practical defeat for all parties concerned, both victor and vanquished," Gen. Bull said. But civil defense must be organized, he added, because the possibility of a surprise attack against the United States with atomic weapons cannot be ignored.

Civil defense groups of the future will have no time for anything except disaster relief work. They should not be required to participate in air raid warning or other activities.

Their training, the General believed, should be concerned chiefly with fire fighting, clearing rubble, emergency medical care, rescue work, restoration of public service, preserving law and order, and prevention of panic.

valuable experience to be put to use later."

Major Klatt's enthusiasm for the help he has received through KLGH is only one instance among many since the station has been in operation.

Station KLGH is attached for administration to Troop Information and Education, with First Lieut. Frances E. Harlee in charge. The AFRS staff of the station consists of John Miller, station manager, Don Schwab, engineer, and three announcer-writers, Bill Roberts, Dale Wights and Bill Reilly. Pfc. William Trombley also assists on KLGH.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



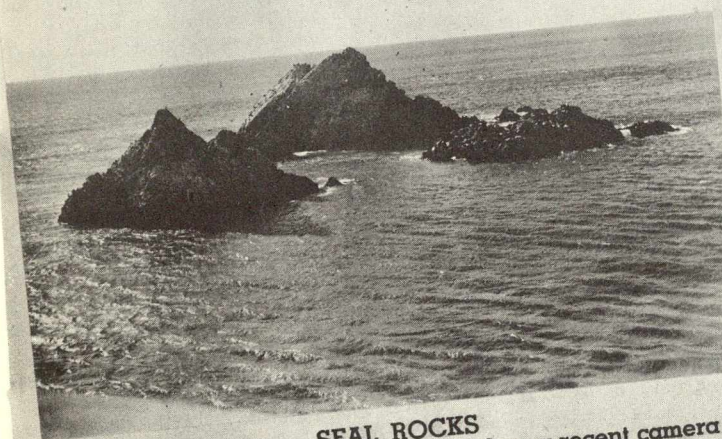
LGH PATIENTS ON THE AIR

Patients were interviewed in the Occupational Therapy Shop here last week on Jane Lee's program over KNBC, in a broadcast featuring Red Cross Arts and Skills activities. L to R: Pfc. Jack Stewart, ward B-2 Capt. William Bauer, ward 26, and Jane Lee.



THEY ENJOYED THE BROADCAST

Pfc. James Willman, ward K-2, and Cpl. Bill Brandon, ward B-2, tell radio listeners, via the Jane Lee program, how much they like the O. T. diversional program.



SEAL ROCKS

Taken by Lieut. Jerry Lundin of ward 8 on a recent camera field trip arranged by T-4 Sally Craig of the O. T. photography lab.



HE SANG FOR THE PATIENTS

Radio star Barry Wood entertained on the wards at Letterman last week, and stopped to chat with the patients after his show. Above, L to R: Pfc. Henry Wilhems, ward E-2, Barry Wood, and George Bowers, Wood's accompanist.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

CHARACTER

One of the many definitions of character is "moral vigor or firmness, especially as acquired by self-discipline." Personal character is molded by many influences. People speak of others as having "weak characters" or "strong characters," but all too seldom do they take a look at their own, to see how they are coming along in the matter of character formation.

In the last few years the word has come to have a slang meaning, too, and we speak of an individual who has an antic attitude toward life's problems as "that character." That meaning is definitely not what we are talking about here.

It isn't a bad idea to take a little time out on occasion to think about our own characteristic approach to the problems of life. How do we behave about the personal difficulties that confront us? With determination to overcome them, if possible? Or do we react as though our difficulties were worse than those confronting others, and do nothing but complain?

The individual's reaction to adversity is a pretty good index of character, just as is his reaction to good fortune.

It is possible by means of self-discipline to school oneself so as to accept what comes in such a manner that every experience can, in the last analysis, be used to strengthen character.



A farewell party was given Thursday evening in the Nurses' Recreation Hall in honor of Lieut. Col. Joanna Peters, ANC, Chief Nurse, Sixth Army. Colonel Peters is retiring the end of this month after 30 years service, and Lieut. Col. Elsie Schneider and several of the other nurses here at Letterman gave a Chinese dinner for her.

Captain Areline Burkhead, ANC, who recently underwent an operation and has been a patient for several weeks, is back on duty on wards K-1 and K-3.

First Lieuts. Betty Hearne and Emily Mueller of Physical Therapy returned this week from Fort Ord, where they went to play in the volleyball tournament.

First Lieut. Ruth T. Mills, ANC, will be leaving shortly for overseas duty in the Far East Command, with station in Korea. She plans to spend her pre-embarkation leave right here in San Francisco.

First Lieut. Rena Sullivan, ANC, is leaving Letterman for the San Francisco Port of Embarkation and will be on ship duty, and one of the Transportation Corps nurses from the Port will come to Letterman. She is Lieut. Louise A. MacLeod. At present she is on a week's leave before reporting for duty. Lieut. MacLeod's name, in case you're not up on the Scotch of it, is pronounced as though it were MacLoud.

Major Mary Steppan, ANC, who has been in Washington for an Army Nurse Corps conference, is driving back from the East with Lieut. Col. Ruby Bryant in the latter's new car. When Colonel Peters retires, Colonel Bryant will take over her duties as Chief Nurse of Sixth Army.

Adaptability to one's circumstances is a strong weapon in the formation of character. Make it your own, and use it to good advantage. Adaptability slays more dragons than obstinacy.

WAC

Welcome to two new members who joined the WAC detachment here this week — Staff Sergeant Esther Hart, recently returned from duty in the ETO, and Sergeant Marilouise Daum, from the Sixth Army WAC detachment, also a recent overseas returnee.

Milk and coke are the strongest beverages Myrtle Gragg ever takes, even if she did fall down and bruise her knee the other day. She was just looking up at the stars, and in her case, star-gazing goeth before a fall.

Leatris Lamascus and Sally Craig were among the crowds who saw the St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, but whether Sally was driving her recently acquired Dodge club coupe in the surrounding traffic jam is not reported.

Emma Ghormley and Lee Witkowski returned from a trip to the races at Bay Meadows with their faces wreathed in happy smiles. Need we say that they bet on the right horses?

Anna Christensen is enthusiastic about "Oklahoma," which she saw last week at the Curran on opening night.

And Rose Ruscak has nothing but praise for the French film at the Clay—Jean Cocteau's "Beauty and the Beast." She says it's good enough to see more than once.

Nellie Johnson's son Robert, who is an officer in the Navy, is here in San Francisco for a visit.

Several members of the detachment were aboard the L-101 when the Letterman boat went to Hunter's Point for a look at the "Independence," one of the craft used in the Bikini tests. The girls were Marjorie Burns, Violet Collings, Henrietta Callari, Ethel Stepp, Sheila Daugherty, Sue Burnett and Louise Hass.

Martha Shortle has returned from an enjoyable furlough spent in Southern California.

Currently on furlough are Margaret Drescher, Carolyn Fix, Elsie Paulson and Dorothy Bennett. Margaret went to Arizona and Carolyn is in Texas. On Elsie and Dorothy the report is "destination indefinite."

Dorothy "Jackie" Koogan, the only girl on duty in the orderly room of the men's detachment, is personally able to vouch for the truth of the statement "Never underestimate the power of a woman." The men who work in the office with

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday 21, March, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Mass daily during Lent at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Palm Sunday And Easter Services Here

Religious services for Holy Week and Easter will begin tomorrow, Palm Sunday, at Letterman. Mass will be celebrated in the Letterman Chapel at 6 and 8 a. m. Palms will be blessed at the early Mass, and the short gospel will be read at that Mass. Palms will be distributed at both Masses. The Masses on Easter Sunday will also be at 6 and 8 a. m.

Protestant services will be held at 10 a. m. in the chapel, and at 6 p. m. in the Recreation Center on both Palm Sunday and Easter.

The daily Mass at 12:15 will continue through Wednesday. On Holy Thursday Mass will be at 8 a. m. There will be no Mass on Good Friday or on Holy Saturday.

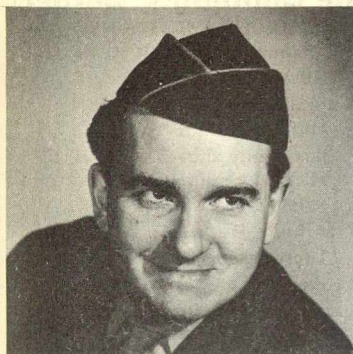
Both Catholic and non-Catholic personnel of Letterman have been invited by Archbishop John J. Mitty, D. D. to attend the Three Hours devotion on Good Friday from 1 to 3 p. m. at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium.

Patients will have an opportunity to attend the traditional Easter sunrise service on Mount Davidson. Special Services will have buses leaving the Recreation Center at 6 a. m. for those who wish to go.

The sermon at the sunrise services will be preached by Dr. Harold N. Geistweit, pastor of the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church in Oakland. His theme will be "His Victory." The invocation will be given by Lieut. Col. James C. Bean, Sixth Army Chief of Chaplains.

her are ever on the alert to do the chivalrous thing. They like to answer the phone for her, and to see that she gets every attention.

ON THE SPOT



CHARLES J. KAHMAN
Staff Sergeant

Staff Sergeant Charles J. Kahman, patient on ward 28, made the Medical Detach column last week as the man who has the big bank account via the stamp collection route. He has been collecting stamps since he was five, and his collection is now valued at \$9,000. As a past president and current secretary of the LGH Stamp Club, Charley has submitted several entries to various philatelic exhibits, and won first prizes at the San Mateo Hobby Show last July and at the World Hobby Show at Chicago last month.

He was born in Chicago and attended grade and high school there. Before entering the service Charley owned and operated a bakery in Chicago for eleven years. He came into the Army in February 1942, and had basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Barkley, Texas. He then went overseas, assigned to the 21st Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, in Hawaii. There he had advanced training in amphibious and jungle warfare.

Charley saw his first action in January 1944 at Good Enough Island, Dutch New Guinea. Later he made the Leyte Beach landings on D-Day, 20 October 1944. He was wounded at Ormoc, in the Philippines, in November 1944 and was evacuated to Biak, coming back to the states by air. He first went to DeWitt General Hospital at Auburn, California, then in November 1945 was transferred to Letterman.

During the two years that Charley has been at Letterman he has taken full advantage of the educational opportunities offered here by attending San Francisco Junior College. He plans to enter Northwestern University when he receives his discharge from the Army.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Max Rohwer of ward C-2 and Johnny Smith of ward 1 are building up quite a reputation and business as "Simonizing experts" in Letterman's Service Station. All that one has to do to get P. T. out of these boys is to lay the cash on the line. Not a bad idea at that.

Harvey A. Chelf of ward 31 has a very large and complete collection of Regimental Insignia. The welcome mat is out to anyone who might be interested in seeing Harvey's collection.

Numerous ward members of ward 42 have signed the pledge, including William Phillips, Homer Johnson, the guy who is allergic to football games, agrees with this to the "Nth" degree.

Willie Griffin of ward F-2 is back at the old stand in Sally Craig's Occupational Therapy "Photo Lab."

The O. T. Photo Laboratory had another outing on 11 March. Most enjoyable of all to the patients was the visit to the San Francisco Women's College. Billy Brandon of ward C-2 was the chief picker and the redheads were preferred by one and all.

Addition to the paragraph in last week's column about Jack "Tiny" Schenk of Ward F-2. The tattoo that Jack had on his arm that gave him bloodpoisoning in his leg was a horseshoe and a four leaf clover design, over which was inscribed the words "Good Luck."

The eternal triangle is bobbing up again on ward E-2. The boys concerned are bashful about the whole thing, but it involves Joe Beard, Frank Cronin and Ezdro Mendes.

Joe Case of ward D-2 is accused of going to a wedding recently and showing up on the ward two days later. Joe says that he is allergic to any and all weddings.

Everyone on ward F-1 is busily engaged in making Easter rabbits for their children, but James Buckner had to be different. James made "Myrtle the Turtle."

Harry Lawlor of ward D-2 is accused of taking over in a big way

He has two other hobbies besides stamp collecting—photography and music.

from Chuck Gibson on T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care). Well, Chuck, time about is fair turn. You have had it long enough.

Lewis Pinell of ward E-2 finally had the law of averages catch up with him. Lew, after having extraordinary luck with the "ponies," for the past several weeks lost all his "ill gotten gains" within the period of one week.

Kenneth K. Evans, vet of ward F-2, is the supreme authority for the ward on feminine pulchritude. However, according to his wardmates, it is every man for himself and may be the best man win.

Harry E. Dryden of ward 42 cannot forget the fact that he is an ex-paratrooper and jump man de luxe. The boys on the ward accuse Harry of waking everyone up at night when he drops his boots without being in them.

Felix Sharpe of ward M-2 has retired from his old business of Jungle Scout by appearing in the O.T. dark room and is now occupying his time by weaving an Indian rug of very unique design. This is strictly all right by the people who are employed in O. T.

Victor DiCecco of ward F-2 and a member of Letterman's Medical Detachment is just about ready to quit "goldbricking" (terminology of his wardmates) and go back to honest labor. "Vic" is employed in the Receiving Office.

Robert Adams of Ward C-1 is in somewhat of a dilemma. The boys accuse him of being engaged to two different girls and no one has yet accused him of being twins.

Bruce Olsen of Ward F-1 is getting ready to do some tall running around. Bruce has been all measured up for his artificial leg and says that he is "fixin" to make up for lost time.

"Don't you think, doctor, that you overcharged me for attending Jimmy when he had the measles?"

"No, I don't believe so. I made six visits."

"I know, doctor. But don't forget that he built up a lot of business for you by infecting the whole school."

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARIE A. NELSON
Technical Sergeant

Being born in Yokohama, Japan, was just the start of a lot of traveling for T/Sgt. Marie Nelson, who came to Letterman recently after serving overseas in the ETO. Her father was in business in Japan when she was born, but when she was 2 years old, the family came back to the States, and Marie grew up in Berwyn, a suburb of Chicago.

Her high school education was divided in half, with two years in St. Louis, Mo., and two years in Buenos Aires. Marie spent eight years in South America, as a result of which she speaks Spanish as fluently as English.

In 1944 she came to Washington, D. C., and worked for the State Department in the Latin-American division. She joined the WAC in November of that year, and was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for basic training. Her first duty station was in Washington, at the Pentagon. After a year and a half there she went overseas in May 1946, to Frankfurt, Germany.

While she was in Europe Marie took advantage of the opportunity to see more of the world, and visited Switzerland, Italy, Sweden, Denmark and Holland. In January of this year she sailed for home, and though she liked her overseas duty, she says she was getting homesick and was very glad to come back.

After her return she spent part of her furlough in Chicago and the rest with her family, who are now living in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She requested a West Coast assignment, and came to Letterman last month. She is assigned to Orthopedic Service, and is ward secretary on C-2.

She enjoys swimming and skiing, having taken up the latter sport while she was in Germany.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Louise Smith of the Registrar's Office, who was much missed during her lengthy illness, is back at her desk this week. For the present she will be on duty only part time, until she is feeling completely well again.

Welcome to Judith Sharp, new student in the Occupational Therapy Shop.

Thelma Hopper of the Laundry, who was formerly in the bundles department, is now in the Laundry office.

There was plenty of the "Wearin' of the Green" in the PX Grill on St. Patrick's day. Florence Speakman had a green gardenia, emerald-green earrings, and a green dress, though of course the latter didn't show because of her uniform. Margaret Jenkins had a shamrock tucked in her cap.

Virginia Smith of Military Personnel and Pat Mockbee, formerly of the Dental Clinic, joined a group of friends last week end for a skiing trip. The skiing was fun, but on the return trip they encountered a blizzard, and it took them ten hours to get back home.

Helen Diez of the Record Room had the misfortune to step on a nail one day this week, and she is now a patient in St. Mary's Hospital, receiving treatment for the infection in her foot. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Alice Thompson, manager of the Main PX store, flew to Fresno last week end, and due to bad weather the trip took over two hours, instead of the usual 55 minutes. "Tommie" says the passengers had quite a time keeping each other's spirits up. The return trip wasn't so lengthy, but she didn't have even a glimpse of the ground—too foggy. She still prefers air travel, though.

Bernice Blake of the Sergeant Major's office spent last week end in Reno, and while there she saw snow falling. Up to now she had seen snow only on the ground—now she has proof of the way it gets there. An even more memorable feature of the trip was the fact that she won money in some of the mysterious (?) ways that money is won in Reno.

Hospitals all over the country can now count on reliable long life emergency lighting since the development of the Eveready 45 volt B battery, according to battery engineers, it is the most efficient storage power ever invented.

SHE IS PROVIDED WITH FIVE NAMES AND IS FLUENT IN FIVE LANGUAGES



Miss LUCIA BARBONE
Red Cross social worker at Letterman

The name under Miss Lucia Barbone's picture is by no means her full name. That is as follows: Lucia Maria Carmela Amalia Barbone, which is musical enough to have a song built around it. But her family and friends know her as "Chi-Chi," which certainly suits her very well. She has been a Red Cross social worker here at Letterman since June 1945, and performs her duties of helping patients with personal problems on the following wards: F-1, F-2, G-1, 2 and 3, and ward H.

She was born in Basto, Italy, which is on the Adriatic Coast, and she says she feels very much at home in the Bay Area because it reminds her of her native land. The Barbone family came to the United States when Chi-Chi was 12, and were naturalized as soon as they became eligible for citizenship.

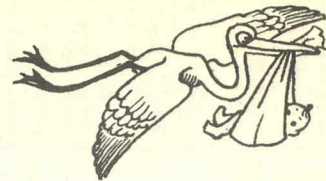
Chi-Chi had completed elementary school in Italy. She attended high school in Detroit, then obtained her B.A. degree, cum laude, from the

University of Southern California in Los Angeles. She returned there later to complete the two years' requirement for her Master's degree in the graduate school of Social Work.

She spent eight years in the field of family social service with the Catholic Welfare Bureau, and the International Institute, then resigned to accept a Red Cross scholarship in medical social work. When her training was completed, she went to Washington, D. C. for assignment. She says that her impressions of Washington were such that she felt increased pride in being a citizen of the United States.

She had expected an overseas assignment, and even gave a little farewell party for her Bay Area friends, then was given an assignment at the Naval Hospital at Oakland. After several months there, she came to Letterman, and has now been here for nearly three years.

Chi-Chi has a variety of interests outside her work. She enjoys



To Major and Mrs. John L. Munderdorff, a girl, born 8 March.

To Major and Mrs. Earle Mounttain, a boy, **David Gould**, born 8 March.

To Captain and Mrs. Russell J. Lyons, a boy, **Dennis John**, born 9 March.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Manuel DeMello, a girl, **Toni Ann**, born 10 March.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Cahrls R. Howard, a girl, **Frances Arlene**, born 10 March.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Marvin V. Wingrove, a girl **Claudia Van**, born 11 March.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. John Thomas Young, a boy, **Dana George**, born 11 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Charles W. Wachtell, a girl, **Laurel Denise**, born 11 March.

To Sergeant and Mrs. William C. Ponting, Jr., a boy, **William C., III**, born 11 March.

To T/Sergeant and Mrs. LeRoy Mason, a boy, **Lowell Lee**, born 12 March.

folk-dancing, hiking, bridge, dinner-dancing, grand opera and musical comedy. She includes "conversation" in her list of pastimes, because she has a knowledge of several languages, and welcomes every opportunity to converse in any one of them. She speaks and writes Italian, English and Spanish, and translates French and Portuguese.

She says she is never taken for an Italian, and often amusing situations develop when remarks are made in Italian in the belief that they will not be understood. On a crowded Fifth Avenue bus in New York, two men discussed in Italian the problem of whether or not they should offer her a seat. They did not decide which would make the offer until it was time for her to get off the bus. As she left the bus she astonished them by saying—in Italian, of course, "Thank you for the thought, even if you did not give me a seat."

MEDICAL DETACH

Morris Label of Custodial Services Branch recently received his promotion to Pfc. Morris is "in addition to his other duties," the remunerated barracks orderly for the 1st 3 graders barracks, 217X. Morris, who also stays in the barracks, is a very hard man to get along with these days. The rumor is, that he is getting "rank happy."

M/Sgt. Richard "Junior" Thompson of the X-Ray Clinic and the great "Social Lion" of L. G. H. recently turned up with a slight black eye. "Junior" said that it was caused by a horse he was riding. Some horses have pretty good left hooks at that.

M/Sgt. Harold "Swede" Larsen of Physical Therapy came stomping into the Information and Education Office a few days ago demanding that the Fog Horn make a retraction on the incorrect spelling of his name. "Swede" says nothing but a Norwegian would spell the good old Irish name of Larsen with an "on."

T/5 Jimmy Jimbo and Corporal Charles Hammon, both of Custodial Services, are men who need their "peace and quietness." Jim and Charley, who are on duty at night, recently made the big move to Crissy Annex to get away from it all.

Welcome back to 1st Sergeant Robert J. Walsh of the Enlisted Payroll Section, who just returned from a 30-day emergency furlough to Scranton, Pa.

T/4 Charles Catterlin of the Educational Reconditioning Branch is on a 20-day emergency furlough due to the death of his father at Los Angeles.

M/Sgt. Henry "Landlord" Smith, N. C. O. in charge of Letterman's Enlisted Men's Barracks, is now capable of being called "Jack Pot" Smith. "Smitty" puts one quarter in the machine and hits for approximately \$40.00. Nice work if you can get it.

T/Sgt. Herbert E. Newton took the easy way out by moving "lock, stock and barrel" from the bad influences of the I&E Office. Now the only thing that is bothering "Newt" is the question of how long he is going to be able to enjoy his new surroundings before the next move.

A NAMESAKE OF ST. PATRICK, HE'S BEEN "WEARING OF THE GREEN"



Chaplain (First Lieut.) DANIEL P. SHEA
New Assistant Post Chaplain

It seems particularly fitting to be writing this week (since this week features St. Patrick's Day) about Letterman's new assistant Post Chaplain, First Lieut. Daniel P. Shea. The initial "P" in his name is for Patrick, and furthermore, he studied theology at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. He went to St. Patrick's church here in San Francisco for the ceremonies on March 17, and of course that day he was wearing his "greens."

Although he was born in Los Angeles, Father Shea says he "soon discovered his mistake" and almost ever since has lived in the Bay Area. At present "home" is Berkeley, where his two sisters live. He attended St. Joseph's High School at Mountain View, then went to St. Patrick's Seminary. Following his graduation he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral here in San Francisco on 2 April 1938, by Archbishop John J. Mitty, D. D., Archbishop of San Francisco.

Father Shea served at two San Francisco churches before entering the Army at the Presidio in March 1945. He spent two years at the

church of St. Thomas the Apostle, and five years at St. Vincent de Paul. He began his Army life by attending Chaplains' School at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and was then briefly at Camp San Luis Obispo and Fort Sheridan, Ill., after which he was assigned to duty at Vaughn General Hospital at Hines, Ill.

He was at Hines from June 1945 until March 1946, then was at Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, until July 1946. Next came overseas duty, and he served as chaplain on Saipan and Tinian during the following year.

Upon his return to the States in June 1947, he was separated from the service, and went to San Carlos, California, as acting pastor of St. Charles Church. He returned to active duty with the Army last October, was at the Presidio for a time, and was then on temporary duty for 60 days at Camp Stoneman.

He came to Letterman this month, and says he is happy to be back in hospital work again, and to be back in San Francisco.

Father Shea's favorite diversion

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

T/Sgt. Albert Mills spent a three-day pass in Los Angeles this week. Seems a sweet "number" was also flying there to meet him. It was his grandmother.

T/5 Reginald Johnson has become known as the "Blind-Date Daddy." One victim, wishes to remain anonymous, has said that some "dates" "Tiny" picked need a little fixing up. Suggested gunny-sacks.

Capt. Robert Allen, H.T.S. detachment C.O., is on emergency leave to Kansas. His father is suffering from severe injuries as a result of a car wreck. Capt. Russell Hey is acting C.O. in his absence.

Cpl. Donald Flood left this week on a trip to Downey, Ill., and a leave. Possible source of information for this column, at a later date of course.

The "Oh's!" and "Ah's!" one might hear when passing a group assembled in the H.T.S. Dispensary area isn't someone "dying," instead they are approvals of Major Bales-tra's new "Olds."

T/5 Emilio "Chief" Abeyta has been picking them "on the nose." A little coaxing of the "Spinner Track," at the club, brought several of his horses "in the money."

Sgt. Witt George, of the Orderly Room, left Wednesday for a trip to Memphis, Tennessee and leave. A brother from the Camp Kilmer detachment, T/3 Samuel L. Denton, accompanied him to Memphis, and then returned to Camp Kilmer.

M/Sgt. Fay Casperson has a new method of inserting a car window. Rumor has it that he couldn't insert it fast enough, so he employed the use of a hammer. The window's in but for some reason it doesn't roll up and down.

Pfc. Boyd Patterson, Pfc. Welton Sessoms, Pfc. John David, Pfc. Howard J. Gray, Pvt. J. D. Poche, Pvt. Bobby C. Sullivan, Pvt. Floyd Connell, Pvt. John Carlin and T/4 Charles F. Bukacek are new additions to the HTS.

The LGH N.C.O. Club will have a "St. Patrick's Dance" at the Crissy Service Club this evening.

is playing golf. Could it be because the game has an unflinching background of green?

Troop Information And Education

1. What do you think the word geopolitics means? Could you give an accurate explanation?

2. Is the Indian state of Kashmir predominately Hindu or Moslem?

3. Approximately how many people are under Communist rule?

4. Which particular germ-killer was discovered in and is derived from mold?

5. Where is the Democratic National Convention to be held and when?

6. How might a climate affect a nation's character?

7. Who were the important men involved in the recent Czechoslovakian incident?

8. What is the difference between basic and applied research?

9. What was the basic research in the development of the Atomic Bomb?

10. How can you, as an individual, keep abreast of the times?

What was your score? 70% is passing; 80% is good; 90% is excellent.

The last question is answered in three words . . . attend your orientation. The job of the Troop I & E Office to bring you the answers to hundreds of questions like these.

The main topics of the discussion period are devoted to recent or vital subjects and are prepared from official Army talks.

Some of the subjects discussed lately have been Why Research and Development, Pakistan and India, Our Way of Life, Prejudice, How Is Our Foreign Policy Developed, and Subversive Organizations.

The orientation program regards knowing the news and its significance as a strong link in sustaining our belief in democracy. Our TIP does not attempt to impose on us a blind or fanatical faith. Our methods of gaining an understanding of the cause, progress, and effects of new developments, policies, and changes aid us in fully comprehending where the United States is headed, in war and peace.

These meetings are open to patients and duty personnel. If you are interested in learning about or discussing a topic not yet covered, or if you have any comments and suggestions, please contact the Troop Information and Education Office, Building 1039, extension 4403.



(AFPS)—The accent is on sports, spelled O-L-Y-M-P-I-C-S. Athletes all over the nation are aiming for the acme of amateur athletic achievement, a place on their country's Olympic team. And, striving towards this goal, along with representatives of schools, athletic clubs and other civilian organizations, are the members of the United States' Armed Forces.

Hurdler, sprinter, swimmer, diver, boxer, and wrestler,—soldier, sailor and marine—these service athletes are preparing for the series of preliminary matches and meets which will select the outstanding few to wear the Stars and Stripes on their sweaters at the 12th Olympic Games.

Major General Russel B. Reynolds, Chief of Army Special Services, has announced two combined Army and Air Force programs designed to not only stimulate interest in recreational sports activities, but as a major purpose, to qualify servicemen-athletes for possible participation in the 1948 Olympic Games in England.

Track and Field training is now underway for a squad of approximately 40 men at the Lackland Air Base in Texas, under the direction of Major Robert Simpson. A former track and field coach at the University of Missouri and Iowa State, Major Simpson recently coached the winning U.S. Army teams in inter-Allied track and field meets in Europe.

After about two months training the squad will enter regional A.A.U. semifinals as a necessary prerequisite to Olympic recognition, qualifying members of the squad going on to the finals and a chance at earning a place on the United States Olympic Team.

Chicago will be the scene of the second athletic program announced by the Special Services Chief. There, the Commanding General of the Fifth Army will play host to over 150 boxers participating in the 1948 Army-Air Force Boxing Championship Tournament. Preliminary bouts will be staged on June 3 and 4, with the finals being fought on June 11.

Boxers representing the European Command; the Far East Command; the Pacific Area; the Caribbean; as well as the six Army Areas, Military District of Washington, and the major Air Force commands, will compete in this tourney. As in the case of the track and field squad, the winners of the final bouts will enter the Olympic trials. One man in each weight division will represent the Army and Air Force in the Olympic boxing finals in Boston, June 28 and 29.

HOMESTATE HIGHLIGHTS

North Bergen, N. J. (AFPS)—An intruder was cornered in the backyard of a cleaning establishment. Police and firemen slowly closed in on him and it was a question of who would fire first. Patrolman Frank Simek cautiously raised his pistol and fired. Though fatally wounded, the cornered culprit let go a barrage that took effect on the policeman and comrades. Skunks are nasty that way.

Albany, Ga. (AFPS)—City Editor Don Kimsey of the Herald was scooped by the local fire department. Calling the department to learn the destination of fire engines answering an alarm, he was told the blaze was in his own pressroom.

Milwaukee, Wis. (AFPS)—A way to beat the K.P. roster? . . . A Milwaukee man suffering from insomnia was told that nothing ailed him "that doing less housework and getting out in the open air wouldn't cure." So he gave up helping around the house and now goes ice skating every night while his wife does the dishes. He says it has the desired effect. . . . 'Sno use, buddy, the Sarge also has a guard roster.

Ardmore, Okla. (AFPS)—Sheriff Howard Johnson of Carter County is seeking two escapees from the local bastille with more than his usual zeal. The two inconsiderate guests added insult to injury when they took leave of his hostel by cutting through the jail wall with a can opener.

Washington (AFPS)—Goobers for troopers. . . . The Agriculture Department has announced that it will turn 41,500,000 pounds of shelled peanuts over to the Army for consumption in occupied areas in Europe and the Far East.

New York City (AFPS)—Two youthful burglars found a kibitzer gazing over their shoulders as they selected tools from their burglary kit. They were spotted by neighbors as they attempted to break through a skylight and the resulting alarm had Patrolman Daniel Maguire on hand to watch with interest as they chose their pet jimmies.

South Charleston, W. Va. (AFPS)—High food prices may be to blame. As garbage collections dropped, the city was forced to sell 57 pigs it had fed with the waste.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

More than 120,000 veterans in the Veterans Administration Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) have received hospital treatment from VA since January, 1946.

During the same period the VA has increased the bed capacity in the eleven VA hospitals in the area from 6,542 to 9,653 beds, or more than 47 per cent.

In addition, VA has constantly maintained more than 2,000 contract beds in Army, Navy or private hospitals for the treatment of veteran-patients.

In order to care for the increasing load of veteran-patients, VA is carrying out a construction program. A 166-bed addition to the Reno Center was opened last year.

Construction was started last year on a 250-bed hospital at Fresno and the site has been selected for a 1,000-bed neuro-psychiatric hospital at Los Angeles. VA is in the process of selecting a site for a 1,000-bed neuro-psychiatric hospital in the San Francisco area. Contracts for additions to the Livermore and San Fernando tuberculosis hospitals have been let and plans are being completed for new hospitals at Phoenix and San Diego.

Veterans with "service-connected" disabilities — diseases or injuries caused or made worse by their service—have priority for hospitalization second only to emergencies.

Veterans with non-service-connected diseases or disabilities are admitted to VA hospitals if there is a bed available and if the veteran cannot afford private treatment.

Question: How can I get a job in a Veterans Administration hospital?

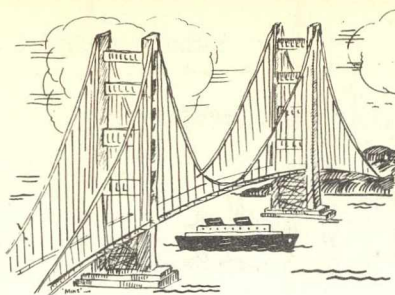
Answer: You should make application by letter to the personnel officer at the hospital you have selected. If a position is available he will notify you.

Question: I lost my original discharge papers. Is it possible to secure a copy of this certificate?

Answer: Yes. A Certificate in Lieu of Lost Discharge will be issued upon written application. The proper form on which to make such application may be secured through your local Veterans Administration office.

Question: Will Veterans Administration pay for tools and equipment while I am taking on-the-job training?

Answer: VA will pay for those tools and equipment that are needed by all trainees for the satisfactory pursuit of the same training course.



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Letterman's CO Is Nominated For New Rank

Word was received from Washington on Wednesday announcing the nomination of Colonel Dean F. Winn, Letterman's commanding officer, for appointment to the rank of Brigadier General. The others nominated for promotion, of whom eight are either present or former Lettermanites, are:

Brigadier Generals Edward A. Noyes and James A. Bethea to Major General.

Brigadier General George E. Armstrong, Colonel Frank L. Cole, Colonel Edgar E. Hume, Colonel Raymond O. Dart, Colonel Paul H. Streit to permanent grade of Brigadier General.

Colonel Fred A. Blesse, Colonel John M. Hargreaves, Colonel Harry G. Armstrong, Colonel George W. Rice, Colonel Harry D. Offutt, Colonel Gouverneur V. Emerson, Colonel Silas B. Hays, Colonel Crawford F. Sams, Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, Colonel George R. Kennebeck, Colonel Oscar P. Snyder, Dental Corps, to temporary grade of Brigadier General.

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Colonel Dean F. Winn assumed command of Letterman over a year ago, in December 1946. He had formerly been on the staff here as operating surgeon, from 1922 to 1926. Colonel Winn is a native of Macon, Georgia, and was graduated from the Medical Department of Emory University in Atlanta in 1910. He engaged in private practice in Atlanta until 1914, then during the following year was operating surgeon at the Russian-American Red Cross Hospital in Kiev, Russia.

He entered the Army in 1916 and was assigned to duty in the Surgical Service at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. In 1917-18 he served as Adjutant at the USA General Hospital No. 1 in New York City, and after the close of World War I was operating surgeon at the USO General Hospital No. 41 on



Colonel DEAN F. WINN, MC
Letterman's Commanding Officer nominated for promotion to Brigadier General this week.

Staten Island, New York, until 1919.

The next two years were spent in the Philippines, as Chief of Surgical Service at Sternberg General Hospital, Manila. Then came the four-year assignment at Letterman, and during the following four years, from 1926 to 1930, Colonel Winn was Chief of Surgical Service at the Station Hospital, Fort Riley, Kansas. During 1931 he held the same position at the Corps Area Hospital, Fort Totten, Long Island.

He was superintendent of Colon Hospital in Panama from 1931 to 1934, and from 1935 to 1940 was Chief of Surgical Service at the Station Hospital (later Brooke General Hospital) Fort Sam Houston, Texas. During the next two years he was surgeon of the Harbor Defenses in Boston.

Colonel Winn became commanding officer of Schick General Hospital at Clinton, Iowa, when it was organized in 1942, and remained until the hospital closed in 1945. He served as commanding officer of England General Hospital in Atlantic City, N. J., from December 1945 until July 1946, and of Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, North Carolina, from September 1946 until the hospital closed and he came to Letterman in December of that year.

He is a graduate of the Army Medical School and of the Advanced Course, Medical Field Service School. He has been decorated with the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Ribbon for outstanding services during World War II.

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Armed Services Committee Starts Hearing on UMT

(AFPS)—The Senate Armed Services Committee recently started hearings on universal military training after Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal told the group that such training was "not only necessary but mandatory."

Senator Chan Gurney of South Dakota, chairman, said that his Committee decided to act on the UMT bill when Secretary Forrestal submitted estimates that the total cost of the training program, coupled with Reserve programs, would be \$1,541 million for fiscal 1949. Mr. Forrestal estimated also that the cost would reach a peak \$4,281 million in 1952 and level off to an average of slightly more than \$4 million a year after that.

Attending the committee's executive session with Mr. Forrestal were Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Air Force W. Stuart Symington, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Carl Spaatz.

Washington newsman reported that the Senators took the view that provision must be made immediately to build up the necessary reserves for national defense. Senator Gurney said that UMT "seems most feasible" and that any alternate plan "would lead to excessive cost."

Mr. Forrestal estimated that 12 months would be necessary to set up camps and prepare instructors and courses for the one-year program which would be designed to train a million men for six months before sending them for another six months of service with one of the Services or in the Reserves.

Medical Corps Officers Promoted to Brigadier General

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Colonel Winn is a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, an Honorary Fellow of the International College of Surgeons, and a member of Phi Rho Sigma Medical Fraternity.

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Brigadier General George E. Armstrong, USA, was given the rank of



GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG, USA
Deputy Surgeon General

Brigadier General when he became Deputy Surgeon General of the Army last June. The new nomination makes his rank permanent. General Armstrong started his Army career at Letterman when he reported here in July 1925 to begin his internship under a reserve commission in the Medical Corps. A year later he was appointed to the Regular Army and has served continuously since that time. The stations at which he served during the years of peace included Schofield Barracks, Fort Stotsenburg, Tientsin, Fort Benning and Carlisle Barracks.

When the emergency was declared in the Fall of 1939, General Armstrong was attending the advanced course at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. After completing the course in December 1939 he was assigned as Assistant to Colonel Paul R. Hawley (later Major General and Surgeon of the European Theater) where for more than a year he was engaged in the preparation of Medical Department Training Manuals.

In the Spring of 1941 he attended a special course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, following which he returned to the Medical Field Service School and became the Director of the Department of Medical Administration. In April

1942 he was transferred to Camp Barkley, Texas, to organize and operate a Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School. Some eight thousand officers had been graduated from this school by August 1943, when General Armstrong was ordered to overseas duty in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations.

He organized a Field Medical School for the Chinese Army medical officers at Kweilin, China, and in November 1943 he became Deputy Chief Surgeon of the CBI Theater. In June 1944 he became Acting Chief Surgeon of the Theater, and in the Fall of that year, when the CBI was separated into the In-



FRANK L. COLE, MC
Chief, Consultants Division,
OSG

dia-Burma and China Theaters, he was appointed Chief Surgeon of the latter, remaining in that position until his departure from China in June 1946.

In recognition of his overseas services General Armstrong was awarded the Legion of Merit by the United States, and the Cloud and Banner and Legion of Honor decorations by the Chinese Government.

On his return from overseas he went to the Office of the Surgeon General as Chief of Office of Personnel. A year later came his appointment as Deputy Surgeon General.

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Colonel Frank L. Cole, MC, who is Chief of Surgical Consultants Division in the Office of the Surgeon General, served at Letterman as Chief of the Surgical Service from 1931 until 1936.

Colonel Cole is a native of Idaho, and received his medical degree from the University of Illinois in 1914. He entered the Army in 1917,

and was graduated from the Army Medical School that year. He served with the American Expeditionary Forces from July 1918 until December 1919, and during that time was Division Orthopedic Surgeon for the 85th Division, and later was Chief of Surgical Service at a Base Hospital in Paris.

From 1924 until 1928 he was at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. During the following three years he was Chief of Surgical Service at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu. Then came his five-year tour of duty on the same assignment at Letterman. From 1936 until 1940 he was Chief of Surgical Service at Walter Reed General Hospital, and during the next two years he served in the same capacity at Army-Navy General Hospital. He was Camp Surgeon at Camp Hood from 1942 until 1944, then assumed command of Woodrow Wilson General Hospital for the following year. From 1945 until 1946 he was com-



SILAS B. HAYS, MC
Chief, Supply Division, OSG

manding officer of Wakeman Hospital Center. He then went to the Office of the Surgeon General to his present assignment.

Colonel Cole's World War II decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster.

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Colonel Paul H. Streit, MC, who is at present commanding officer of Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, was on the Letterman staff from 1938 until 1941, as Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic.

Colonel Streit has a record of service with the Army Medical Corps since 1917 as an EENT specialist. When he left Letterman in 1941 it was to assume command of the

147th General Hospital, which he took to Hawaii after having organized the unit.

Appointed Surgeon of the Central Pacific Base Command in February 1944, he established units for other general hospitals at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii to care for the wounded from battle zones in the Pacific. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work by Lieut. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, commanding general, POA.

After his return from overseas, Colonel Streit served as commanding officer of Dibble General Hospital from 1945 until the hospital closed in June 1946. He went from Dibble to his present command at Brooke.

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Colonel Raymond O. Dart, MC, who is now Director of the Army Institute of Pathology, Washington, D. C., served at Letterman from 1937 to 1942 as Chief of the Laboratory Service.

A native of Kansas City, Kansas, Colonel Dart received his M. D. from Rush Medical School in Chicago and his A. B. degree from the University of Kansas. He entered on active duty in 1917, served in France and Germany in World War I, and graduated from the Army Medical School and the Medical Field Service School in 1921.

Before World War II he was Pathologist at the Army Medical Museum, and later served as Curator there. After leaving Letterman in 1942 he went to the Southwest Pacific as commanding officer of the 105th General Hospital, an affiliated unit of Harvard University. He served in the Pacific Area in various capacities, including Surgeon of the Intermediate Section in New Guinea, Surgeon of Base Section three, Surgeon of Advance Section, Chief of Operations, Office of the Chief Surgeon, and Deputy Chief Surgeon for the American Forces in the West Pacific.

After Colonel Dart's return to the United States from Manila, he was appointed Assistant Director of Administration, Army Institute of Pathology.

He has been decorated with the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star for his work in the Pacific Theater.

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Colonel Silas B. Hays, MC, who is at present Chief of the Supply Division, Office of the Surgeon Gen-

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Former Lettermanites Nominated to Brigadier General



Colonel PAUL H. STREIT, MC
Commanding Officer, Brooke General Hospital



Colonel LEONARD D. HEATON, MC
Chief of Surgical Service at Letterman



Colonel GOUVERNEUR V. EMERSON, MC
Chief of Surgical Service, Chief Surgeon's Staff, ETO



Colonel RAYMOND O. DART, MC
Director, Army Institute of Pathology

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EDITORIAL

EASTER

Tomorrow is Easter Sunday, the feast on which Christians all over the world commemorate with praise and thanksgiving Christ's resurrection from the dead. Easter is a day of joy, a day on which we pay highest honor to the Divine Founder of Christianity.

It is a time to forget material things and to dwell on the religious significance of the season.

Easter is an occasion for faith and for hope—for the faith to believe wholeheartedly in that resurrection which we commemorate, and for the hope which the idea of resurrection engenders.

We speak of having faith in our fellow men, and of hope for the progress of mankind toward making a better world, then when we look at the modern world about us, the faith in human beings is sometimes weakened, the hope abandoned. But if we examine the record of the teaching of Christ, those shining precepts which we so woefully fail to emulate, we learn that faith and hope in Him will always be justified.

Fortified with this knowledge, it should be a little easier for us to try to follow His teachings, to learn from His wisdom—He Who is known as the Prince of Peace.



Major Mary Steppan, ANC, returned this week from Washington, D. C., where she attended an Army Nurse Corps conference. She also spent some time in Pittsburgh while she was in the East.

Lieut. Colonel Rosalie Calhoun, ANC, formerly of Sixth Army, who was also in Washington for the conference, stopped in to visit friends on the post before returning to duty in Japan.

First Lieut. Lenore W. Keyes, ANC, left Monday on a 21-day leave.

An eight-day leave for Major Anne K. Pilegard, ANC, means that she can spend Easter with her family in Fresno.

A "welcome to Letterman" goes this week to First Lieut. Emmaline W. Hallett, ANC, who recently arrived in the States after overseas duty in the EAO. Lieutenant Hallett's home is in Wisconsin.

First Lieut. Muriel Taylor's mother is here from New York on a visit, and Lieutenant Taylor is starting a 15-day leave today, which will give her lots of time to show her mother around San Francisco and surrounding territory.

First Lieut. Grace C. Loehde, ANC, plans to spend her forthcoming 15-day leave right here in town.

First Lieut. Kathleen F. Neely, ANC, left yesterday for her home in Richfield, North Carolina, to enjoy 30 days of freedom from duty.

Library

"The Squirrel Cage" does for the writers of Hollywood what "The Hucksters" did for the advertising men, Edwin Gilbert, the author, is a playwright and magazine writer who went to the West Coast after his play "Blues in the night" attracted the attention of the movie czars. His story is a sharp satire on southern California's screen kingdom, through the story of Anthony Willard. Anthony arrived in L. A. with nothing but a toothbrush, a pencil, and a job in the Squirrel Cage. His story has an ironic climax and provides a shrewd commentary on another segment of our life and times. In the Library.

WAC

A welcome goes this week to two newcomers in the detachment—Sgt. Betty Wugan and T/4 Evelyn Cummings, both recently returned from duty in the ETO. Letterman is familiar ground to Sergeant Cummings—this is her second tour of duty here.

Anyone who wishes to know anything about standing retreat can get the latest dope from Stella Wilson. And another thing people are asking her about is her new recipe for potato pancakes—she makes them each week end for her husband, Woody.

It seems that Esther Hart, formerly of Sixth Army and now of LGH, had always wanted to be stationed at Letterman, but it took her a long time to make it. She's even been overseas and back since she first started on the project of getting assigned here.

They say that one girl in the detachment (name not furnished) is especially happy that Pauline (Smitty) Smith's eye injury was not serious.

Those who want a few pointers on bowling might well watch Ella Dodson in action. She is a beginner, but is already averaging a 200 score, it is reported.

Her friends say that life has taken on a happier aspect for Betty Jeffries since the Pre-Natal Clinic has moved to Building 1146, and she has more room to dash around.

Dorothy Dreger and Janice Deming are happy about their "permanent" baby-sitting jobs. And besides that activity, Janice is also studying German and algebra.

May Magrath and Leslie Roach came back from their tour of the Bay on the L-101 last Sunday with complexions described as "glowing"—not sunburned, not windburned—but glamorously glowing.

People are suggesting to Robbie Gaulding that she get open-toed shoes. She's to have a minor foot operation, and her friends want to be sure she'll be comfortable while recovering.

Marie Nelson and Gladys Knowles enjoyed an evening at the symphony last week, and Myrtle Gragg is enthusiastic about "Madame Butterfly," the opera she attended last week.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 28 March, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 0730

Mass daily during Lent at 1215
Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Captain Yergin Receives Bronze Star Medal

Captain Harry I. Yergin, DC, was decorated this week by Colonel Dean F. Winn, Letterman's commanding officer, with the Bronze Star Medal. The award, which was presented to Captain Yergin at an informal ceremony in Colonel Winn's office, was given him for meritorious service in the ETO in 1944 and 1945.

Captain Yergin, who has been at Letterman since September 1946, is assistant chief of the Dental Operative Section.

The citation which accompanied the award states: "Captain Harry I. Yergin, 0368976, DC, 1107 Engineer Combat Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium and Germany between 18 July 1944 and 8 May 1945. Captain Yergin, while serving as Group Dental Officer, exhibited outstanding leadership and organizational ability in the performance of his duties. His able coordination of all functions under his control contributed greatly to the success of many missions and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Army. Captain Yergin entered military service from Tennessee."

An obligation rests upon each one of us to analyze the intellectual problem of his time and to attempt to formulate his statement of its significance, for the impact of modern science affects the individual as well as society. Each one of us must answer to himself what place it will find in the mansions of his spirit.—
Hayward Keniston.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JEAN A. MARSLAND
Sergeant

Sergeant Jean Marsland, who came to Letterman last month after her return from overseas, has had a variety of duties on her numerous Army assignments. These have ranged from MP. duty to clerk-typist, and she says she has liked every one of them.

Jean was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and grew up in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She took a high school postgraduate course in science, then spent two years at the University of Wisconsin, specializing in Physical Education. She taught physical education at Green Bay, and spent three summers as camp counsellor for a vacation colony at Oneida, directing their recreation and athletic program, and teaching swimming.

In May 1943 she enlisted in the WAC, and after basic training at Des Moines, went to Military Police school, and was an M.P. for the following year, still at Des Moines. Next she was in cadre at that station, and helped give basic training. She was at Camp Crowder, Missouri, as recreation non-com for several months, and in February 1946 received her discharge. She didn't spend much time as a civilian, but came back into the WAC in March. This time she went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as supervising director of arts and crafts at the personnel center. Later she was at Fort Reiley, Kansas, working as clerk-typist and switchboard operator. She went overseas in February 1947, and was stationed at Frankfurt, Germany, with the 97th General Hospital. While overseas she visited in Belgium, Austria, Bavaria, and went to Berchtesgaden and Berlin. After her return to the States in February she was assigned to LGH, where she is in the supply room in the O. T. Shop.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Ernest Rangel of ward E-1 is making preparations to leave Letterman in the near future, and he has quite a number of farewells to say. He has been here since 1946 and he knows practically everyone at LGH, which makes a sizeable number.

Antony LaSalvia, the poker king of ward B-2, has temporarily given up his favorite game in order to make stuffed turtles. What made you give up poker, Tony?

Maurice Burns of ward E-2 has been parading around with the trousers of his patient suit split from the knee down. We wonder whether this is to show off his plaid socks or to show off those famous chorus-girl legs.

Burl Ives came to Letterman on Sunday afternoon and sang for the patients on wards E-2, F-1 and 42. He didn't have time to get to ward E-1, so Lt. **Mary C. Long** arranged a surprise for the patients on that ward. **George Battle**, the ward attendant, remained after his duty hours and sang six songs, which the patients said they enjoyed as much as any entertainment by visiting celebrities.

Burt Evans of ward M-2 has been busy in the carpentry shop of O. T. for the past few weeks. He is making a coffee table. He says that his time is worth \$4.92 per hour this makes the price of his table about \$75.00. However, the prices varies directly with his health.

We all wonder where **Jack Clausen** of ward C-2 is going to put that rug which he is working on at the present. The colors are extremely loud but it is much more conservative than he had first planned.

Joe Romero of ward K-2 has been keeping any occupants of the O. T. shop in "stitches" lately. He has been named honorary humorist of the O. T. shops.

Eddy Mollen, an optimistic patient on ward E-2, was told the other day that he would be out of bed in about two or three weeks; so he wrote to his aunt and uncle and told them to buy him some new clothes—a suit, shoes, socks, ties and anything else he needed in the way of civilian clothes. However,

Her main leisure time interest is in sports, and she says she likes all of them. She also enjoys photography and "seeing the country."

the day he got the clothes he was told that he would have to stay in bed for another two or three months. He sent all the new clothes home again.

Earl Allen has put a very "Easter-y" atmosphere in ward F-1 with his collection of toy stuffed rabbits. Any Easter eggs from them yet, Earl?

Chester Knox, who is on ward E-2, has been able to save a good deal of money lately. The reason is that every week when he goes to surgery he is given a shot of penicillin and when he awakes he feels as if he has been drinking, therefore he does not have to spend money for drinks.

Mike Zahara, **Jacob Church**, **Bert Evans** and **Gerald Driscoll**, all of ward M-2, have decided to go into business. They are contemplating the making of women's Easter bonnets. They believe that it will be easy to "throw" something together which will appeal to women.

It seems that no one likes the same type of music that **George King** of ward E-2 does. His ward-mates just don't think that what he listens to is music. Maybe George ought to get together with **Ray Darrel** of the same ward. Ray has a 13-tube short-wave set, and can get stations all over the world. Ray also has a transmitter, but that is not here at the hospital.

William Sparrow decided that he would make a toy stuffed horse at the O. T. Shop. However, when he finished putting it together, it looked more like a jellyfish than a horse; so now **Lt. Louise Lindow** is busy trimming off the parts that make it look like a jelly fish.

Gailand Wagner of ward 42 has been in such a hurry lately that no one has been able to see him long enough to get any news about him.

"Red" Parmerly of ward E-2 was caught doing something entirely unprecedented—reading. "Red" usually spends his time talking about airplanes or automobiles. Incidentally "Red" had a birthday last Saturday; he was 29 years old.

M.P. on traffic duty: "Say, you! Didn't you see me wave at you?"

Slick Chick: "Yes, and you'd better be careful. I'm engaged to your first sergeant."

ON THE SPOT



JIM RAINDL
Technical Sergeant

Technical Sergeant Jim Raindl, dental mechanic in the Dental Laboratory, has been in the Army for quite some time and is planning to stay with us for a few more years.

Jim first entered the service in September 1939 at Lubbock, Texas. He took his basic training with the 2nd Infantry Division at Dodd Field, San Antonio, Texas. After finishing basic, he went to the 31st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion at Camp Wallace, Texas, where he served for two years. From there Jim went to the 137th Station Hospital at Fort Bliss, Texas. The 137th was just being activated in preparation for overseas movement. They were sent to the "P.O.E." at Camp Stoneman, California in July 1943.

Jim left the States a few days after arriving at Stoneman and landed on Guadalcanal on 21 August, 1943. He spent 18 months on Guadalcanal, then was transferred to Guam, where he served six months with the 204th General Hospital. After this tour of duty Jim was transferred to Saipan, where he was processed in preparation for shipment back to the States.

Jim landed in San Francisco 13 November 1945 and was immediately sent to the Discharge Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he was demobilized on 19 of November. He re-enlisted two days later and then went on a 90-day furlough, during which, as he expresses it, he "proceeded to get rid of \$1500."

Upon returning from furlough Jim was transferred to Beaumont General Hospital, Beaumont, Texas, as a dental mechanic. He served there for one year and then came to Letterman in February of this year.

Jim attended grade school and high school in Lubbock and worked on his father's ranch before entering the Service.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Pre-view report on the Easter parade—Harriet Bakken and Alice Torgerson will be wearing spring prints with the New Look. And our informant tells us that the prints could be described by the words of the song "Lovely to Look At . . ."

Betty Ann Strunk of Special Services has been re-elected secretary of the San Francisco Oratorio Society. This will be her third term in office, which proves how efficient she is at the job. The society has 80 members, and the group sings at various functions staged in the Bay Area.

Lillian Jones, of the Dental Clinic, was in the audience the other evening when her twin sister Grace went into action at her public speaking class. Lillian says she was the most appreciative one in the audience—she laughed the loudest.

Helen Franklin must be more than ordinarily interested in the presidential campaign—she even dreams about the candidates. About one of them, anyway. Wonder if he'll get her vote?

Helen Diez of the Record Room says that even if she was in the hospital when her latest granddaughter as born last week, she doesn't want to hear any wisecracks about it. The baby has been named Patricia Irene, and she was born March 20. She is Helen's fifth grandchild.

Betty Funston of Physical Medicine Service is a patient on ward G-1, and would welcome visitors.

Alta Lee, formerly of Out-Patient Service, is now in the Pediatric Section, in Building 1146.

Letterman welcomes Jacqueline Wheeler, who joined the hospital ranks recently and is clerk-typist with the Physical Medicine Service.

Leola Huffman, formerly T/4 Huffman of the WAC detachment here, has returned to Letterman as a civilian, and is now in Payroll Section. She received her discharge from the Army last May, and has been in Seattle until her recent return to LGH.

A little boy, at school for the first time, was sobbing bitterly.

"What's wrong?" asked the teacher.

"I don't like school," wailed the child, "and I have to stay here until I'm 14 or 15."

"Don't let that worry you," replied the teacher. "I have to stay here until I'm 65."

HER OVERSEAS DUTY JUST WHETTED A LONG-TIME APPETITE FOR TRAVEL



First Lieut. FLORENCE E. WHITTIER, ANC
Recently arrived at LGH from overseas

Though she can look serious, First Lieut. Florence Whittier, ANC, who recently came to Letterman after overseas duty in the ETO, has a glint of mischief in her eyes, and you know after talking with her that she gets a lot of fun out of life. Comparing life as an Army nurse with her civilian nursing experience, Lieutenant Whittier says she is all for the Army, and to prove it she has just signed category III, which means that she will be in the Army for the next three years.

Lieutenant Whittier was born in Cooperstown, North Dakota, but she calls the Pacific Northwest home, because Portland, Oregon, has been her home town for quite some time. She received her nursing training at the Emmanuel Hospital there, and as a civilian nurse she worked in doctor's offices in Portland and in Camas, Washington.

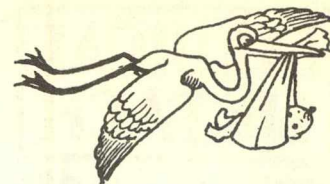
In March 1945 she enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps and went to Fort Lewis, Washington, for her basic training. Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham City, Utah, was her first duty station. She was assigned to Out-Patient Clinic there from April 1945 until January 1946. She liked Bushnell very much, and made

many friends there. When she came to Letterman this month she was pleasantly surprised to find that several of the nurses she had known there are now at LGH.

Lieutenant Whittier went overseas in January 1946, landing at LeHavre, France. She went to Kassell, Germany, where she was with the 115th General Hospital; later the 386th Station Hospital. She was on ward duty at that hospital all during her stay overseas.

She visited a number of European countries while she was in the ETO—Switzerland, Italy, Holland, Ireland, England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Norway. Of the cities she saw, she found Rome the most fascinating, she says. She especially enjoyed the art galleries there.

She returned to the States in January and spent part of her 25-day leave in North Dakota and the rest in Portland. She had asked for an assignment in California, and was pleased to be sent to Letterman. She wants to see as much as possible of California while she is here. She likes music and enjoys concerts and the symphony, and she reads a great deal. And she says she likes to use part of her free time "just loafing."



To Pfc. and Mrs. Elmer Clark Parmenter, a girl, **Beete Jean**, born 12 March.

To Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Barton F. Sawyer, a girl, **Barbara Jean**, born 12 March.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Napoleon Herron, a boy, **Ronald Alrick**, born 12 March.

To Captain and Mrs. William Oscar Davis, Sr., a boy, **William Oscar, Jr.**, born 13 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Joseph F. Struneski, a girl, **Frances Cheryl**, born 13 March.

To T/4 and Mrs. Masao Kurisu, a boy, **Hideko Douglas**, born 14 March.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Harry J. Wetherill, a girl, **Jo Ann**, born 14 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Charles H. Williams, a boy, **Richard Charles**, born 15 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Hallett Lewis, a boy, **David Jonathan**, born 15 March.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Albert Lowry, a boy, **Robert Cashins**, born 16 March.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John C. McGowan, a girl, **Merla Annette**, born 16 March.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Nolan DeMoultre, a girl, **Nora Karen**, born 16 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Edward Frank Gliwa, a girl, **Kathleen Frances**, born 17 March.

To Major and Mrs. Wallace Raymond Elliott, a boy, **Michael Raymond**, born 17 March.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Murray O'Conner, a boy, **Patrick Murray**, born 17 March.

A newcomer in the city went to several churches, looking for one to attend regularly. During his search he happened into a small church where the members of the congregation were reading with the pastor. As he entered, they were saying:

"We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done."

The visitor dropped into a seat, sighed with relief, and said to himself:

"Thank goodness, I have found my crowd."

MEDICAL DETACH

Sergeant George Adams of Information and Education is gaining quite a reputation as a baseball umpire. Very remunerative also, according to him. George, the umpire is not supposed to wager on the game.

M/Sgt. Harold "Swede" Larsen of Physical Therapy is away for a few days on a trip, as is M/Sgt. George Barte of Educational Reconditioning Branch, who is escorting some prisoners to Springfield, Missouri.

Pfc. Morris Label of Custodial Services Branch who made last week's column by being accused of being "rank happy" denies the whole thing. Morris says he looks like that all the time.

Captain Cheslar Urbanick, MSC, of Physical Medicine Branch is a short story writer of note. Captain Urbanick formerly wrote for the Magazine "Our Army" and has had several short stories accepted by leading magazines.

Detachment enlisted men who are patients: S/Sgt. Albert Vendouris of the Procto Clinic is in Ward 3 and T/5 LeRoy Hessler of the Educational Reconditioning Branch is in Ward K-3.

T/Sgt. Israel Kuleck of Letterman's Laundry Service doesn't have a worry in the world, when it comes to keeping clean shirts. Quite the ladies' man also, is our boy Israel, according to all the rumors floating around.

S/Sgt. Lawrence Riley of the E.K.G. Clinic has been a very lucky man lately. Lawrence hasn't "busted up" a grill or fender on his automobile for almost three weeks.

First Sgt. Willus W. Crump, Detachment Chief Clerk, left Wednesday, the 24th on 10 days TDY to Marshall, Arkansas. Willus will be accompanied by Pfc. Dwight Hadley of Ward S-2.

Master Sergeant Harold Dixon of the photo lab has started his own private banking system, and is at present the president of no less than three banks (piggy banks, that is). His system is mighty successful. He just takes all the loose change out of pockets every night, puts it in one of the three banks, and in the course of a few weeks he has accumulated more than \$60.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT DURING HIS SEVEN YEARS IN THE ARMY



Captain JOSEPH F. GRINDLEY, SpS
Chief of Special Services Branch

Captain Joseph F. Grindley, SpS, Chief of Letterman's Special Services Branch, is a man of many occupations and those occupations have involved a lot of travel. He has been in every one of the 48 states except three—Montana, Maine and Rhode Island, and he plans to get those three on his list before too long.

He calls himself a "jack of all trades," because his pre-Army employment included work as a packinghouse foreman, carpenter, truck driver, and policeman.

Captain Grindley was born in Champaign, Illinois, later lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and finished high school there. He spent a year in Florida, then came to California in 1926, and has looked upon this state as home ever since. He was with General Motors in Los Angeles for the five years just before he entered the Army.

After induction on St. Patrick's Day, 1941, he went to Camp Grant, Illinois for basic training in the Medical Corps. After spending several months at the 214th General Hospital at Little Rock, Arkansas, Captain Grindley transferred to the

enlisted Reserve Corps and was discharged in October 1941. He was recalled to active duty the following January, then on 17 March, a year to the day after he first joined the Army, he went to OCS at the Provost Marshal General's School at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and was commissioned in the Military Police Corps. He was assigned to duty with the 734th MP Battalion, Camp Williams, Utah, and served there and at Prescott, Arizona, before going overseas in August 1943.

After landing at Oran, he was stationed at Tunis for a time, then in December went to Italy on M. P. duty. After V-E day he was in charge of a German prison camp in Italy until June 1946. His next station was at Pisa, and he was later at Naples. His wife joined him in July 1946, and remained until his return to the States last July. While he was in Italy, Captain Grindley had a 26-foot sailboat built. The boat is now on San Francisco Bay, and flies the pennant of the Naples Yacht Club, of which Captain Grindley is a member.

The Grindleys visited France, England and Switzerland while they

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Capt. Robert P. Allen has returned from Kansas, where he went on emergency leave.

T/Sgt. Melvin Drasher left this week for New York City, and a leave. Gee, Sarge, just think, it might be the last time you'll "have" to go home to mother. Just imagine he wouldn't even give any famous "last words."

Reports from Major John Ford, Transportation Officer, indicate that he "toured" the U. S. en route to New Jersey on leave recently. The tornado near St. Louis, Missouri, took away the tail section of a plane he had ridden, after it had landed.

The H.T.S. area turned into quite a "duck pond" this week with all the rain that came. Anyway, you certainly heard plenty of "quacking" around.

The "Gunny-sack number" of last week's column seems to have some attraction, as Cpl. William Maurer has received mysterious telephone calls.

T/5 John S. Keppel, formerly of H.T.S. Dental Clinic, has assumed a new job. He is now company clerk.

Seems T/5 Robert ("Butch") Dempster lost his touch with a "friend" in Los Angeles. She got married. No, he's not sporting the "band."

The LGH N.C.O. Club St. Patrick's dance was a gala occasion. Over one hundred and twenty-five were present. Starting next month, the dances will be held every week. The Bingo party last Wednesday night started a jackpot prize. The Bingo party for next week will be held on Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p. m.

were overseas, and Captain Grindley skied on the Jungfrau, in the Swiss Alps. He brought back with him a collection of paintings by German and Italian artists, and his wife, Mylda, who is also an artist, went on with her art studies while she was in Italy, and did several oils there and in Switzerland.

Captain Grindley came to Letterman last August, and has bought a home in the Sunset. He says he hopes to stay in the Army and make it his career.



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MORE ABOUT PROMOTIONS

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eral, began his Army career when he interned at Letterman. He was here from 1929 until 1932.

Colonel Hays was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and received his M. D. at the University of Iowa in 1928. He was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1929. Following his tour of duty at Letterman, he was at Tripler General Hospital for two years, then spent a year at Walter Reed. From 1936 to 1937 he was at a United States Soldiers' Home. Assignments at the New York General Depot in Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Army Industrial College followed, then in 1940 he went to the Office of the Surgeon General, where he was engaged in supply work, especially concerned with requirements, storage and distribution of medical supplies and equipment.

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where he was engaged in supply work, especially concerned with requirements, storage and distribution of medical supplies and equipment.

He went overseas in 1944 to the European Theater of Operations, where he was Chief of Supply Division in the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Upon his return to the United States in 1945 he was given his present assignment as Chief of Supply, OSG.

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Colonel Leonard D. Heaton, MC, has been Chief of Surgical Service at Letterman since 1946. His first tour of duty at LGH was 20 years ago, when he interned here shortly after his graduation from the University of Louisville.

His subsequent service includes two tours of duty in Hawaii, a tour at Fort Sam Houston, Beaumont General Hospital, Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, and Walter Reed General Hospital.

Colonel Heaton was Chief of Sur-

gical Service at Schofield Barracks Hospital when the war began in 1941, and when the war in Europe came to an end in 1945 he was in command of the 802nd Hospital Center in Blandford, England. Before coming to the center, he organized and took overseas the 160th Hospital.

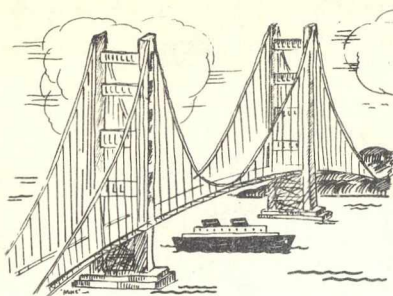
He returned to Letterman in 1945, and has been Chief of Surgical Service since shortly after that time. Among his decorations are the Legion of Merit for his work at Schofield Hospital following the Pearl Harbor attack, and two oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit, one for his work as commander of the 160th General Hospital, the other for his services as commanding officer of the 802nd Hospital Center.

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Colonel Gouverneur V. Emerson, who is now Chief of Surgical Service on the staff of the Chief Surgeon, ETO, with station at Frankfurt, Germany, served as Chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman from 1941 to 1943.

He is a native of Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Medical-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, where he received his M. D. in 1914. He was appointed in the Medical Reserve Corps in 1916, and after graduation from the Army Medical School in 1917, received his appointment in the Regular Army. He was overseas during World War I, and after his return to the United States in 1919, was assigned to duty with the Surgical Service at Walter Reed Hospital. After service at other stations in the States, he went to the Philippines as Chief of Surgical Service, Sternberg General Hospital. He was at Beaumont and Army-Navy General Hospital before coming to Letterman in 1941.

When he left here Colonel Emerson went to Crile General Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, as commanding officer, and was there from the time of the hospital's organization until it was inactivated. At that time he went to his present assignment in the ETO.



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Letterman to Hold Open House On Army Day

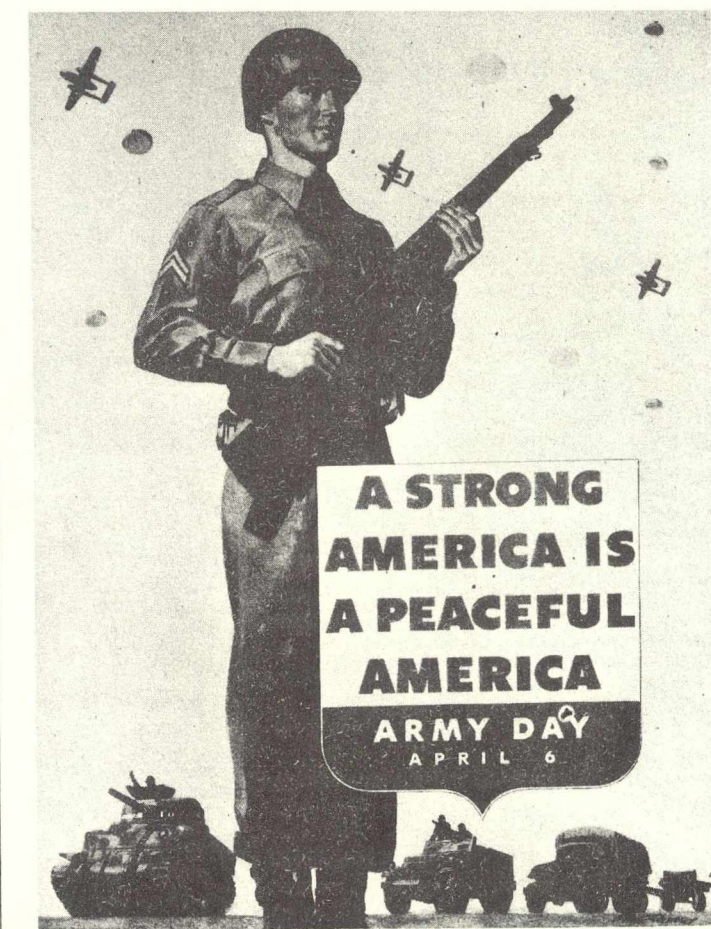
On Army Day, which will be next Tuesday, 6 April, Letterman will observe the national celebration of the event by holding Open House from 2 to 4:30 p. m., welcoming the public to a tour of the hospital and its facilities.

Members of the WAC detachment will serve as guides for groups who wish to go through the hospital. Visitors will be conducted on a tour which will include wards in the Main hospital and the East hospital, the operating rooms, dental clinic, and general mess. They will see the various reconditioning activities, including Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, the bowling alleys, the gymnasium and the swimming pool.

The Letterman boat, the L-101, will take parties on short trips on San Francisco Bay. There will be bus service to the Sixth Army parade grounds and to the Hospital Train Section. The tour will end with refreshments at the Recreation Center. Copies of this issue of the Fog Horn will be available for the visitors.

The Military Order of the World Wars, an organization of commissioned officers of World Wars I and II, originated, organized, and annually sponsors Army Day throughout the Nation. The day, 6 April, chosen because it marks our entry into World War I, was inaugurated in 1928 and was officially recognized by Congress on 17 March 1937.

Deeds of heroism and feats of valor enrich the pages of our Army's history. And in peace as well as war the record reads proudly. The Army was there . . . to encourage and assist the early pioneers . . . to develop the young nation's resources . . . to survey and explore



the new territory. The Army stimulated and guided the steel industry . . . gave impetus to the science of interchangeable manufacture . . . helped conquer plague and disease.

Headway in Healing

The progress of the Army Medical Department in the use of penicillin and streptomycin has revolutionized the practice of Army medicine and surgery.

Individual developments by the Army Medical Department of singular importance include: Acrylic

(plastic artificial) Eye; Tentulum Wire, for peripheral nerve suture; Care of Paraplegics—system developed for treating those paralyzed through the lower half of the body.

As a result of the development and use of toxoids and vaccines, tetanus and yellow fever were brought under control.

DDT brought within the realm of possibility the control of the insect-borne diseases and with the aid of vaccine reduced the terror of epi-

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Medical Consultants Team to Make Tour Of Pacific Area

A team of civilian medical consultants organized to visit United States Army hospitals in the Pacific area left this week for a five-week tour of Japan and Korea, it was announced by Major General Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General.

The three-man team is one of several similar groups being established by the Army Medical Department to facilitate advanced professional training of Army doctors overseas. The civilian specialists are all associated with United States medical colleges.

The program, initiated in Europe in January of this year, is now being extended to cover the Far East.

The first Pacific team will consist of Dr. Milton C. Cobey, Associate Professor of Orthopedics at Georgetown University and Chief of the Orthopedic Service at Gallinger Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Edmund Horgan, prominent Winchester, Virginia surgeon, and Dr. Sam A. Overstreet of the faculty of the University of Louisville, Kentucky.

The teams are made up of recognized authorities in the main medical specialty fields. Purpose of the visits is to give patients in United States overseas hospitals the benefit of this country's finest medical talent.

The visiting physicians and surgeons will spend several days at each hospital advising the theater surgeon and hospital staffs in the treatment of patients, conducting clinics, making ward rounds and giving instruction in their various specialties to hospital staff members. On their return, members of the teams will provide first hand reports on the United States overseas hospitalization programs.

A Strong America is a Peaceful America

Gen. Omar N. Bradley



"This Army Day, more than two years after the end of history's most calamitous war, finds the Army of the United States engaged in the task of building a firm, lasting security for all people who have suffered the tragedy of aggression.

"The Army, both at home and in occupied zones overseas is changed with a great share of the responsibility for maintaining a watchful peace.

"To accomplish our mission, many soldiers are stationed great overseas distances from their homes. They are performing their duties, in many cases under adverse and trying conditions. But they are undertaking them with the knowledge that theirs is a critically important duty.

"And they have pride in their role as representatives of a free and powerful nation.

"This Army has a single purpose — to provide for the safekeeping of our nation.

"It can fulfill that assignment only with constant awareness and generous support of the American people."

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Army of the United States is a mighty shield of our Nation in war and the faithful servant of our people in time of peace; and

WHEREAS the tasks entrusted to the Army are vital to the establishment of a durable peace; and

WHEREAS Senate Concurrent Resolution 5, 75th Congress, 1st Session, which was agreed to by the House of Representatives on March 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 1108), provides:

"That April 6 of each year be recognized by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America as Army Day, and that the president of the United States be requested, as Commander in Chief, to order military units throughout the United States to assist civic bodies in appropriate celebration to such extent as he may deem advisable; to issue a proclamation each year declaring April 6 as Army Day, and in such proclamations to invite the Governors of the various States to issue Army Day proclamations: Provided, That in the advent April 6 falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be recognized as Army Day":

NOW THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 6, 1948 as Army Day, in order that we may accord appropriate recognition to our Army, which throughout our history has preserved our way of life by conspicuous skill and gallantry. I also invite the Governors of the several States to issue proclamations for the celebration of this day in such manner as to render suitable honor to the Army of the United States in all its component parts — the Organized Reserves, the National Guard, and the Regular Army — and to the millions of Army veterans who have returned to civilian pursuits.

In these critical times, I urge my fellow citizens to remember that an alert and ready America is a mighty power for peace and a beacon of hope to the peoples of the world who would be free. If our soldiers who are on duty in foreign lands are to represent American democracy proudly and successfully, they must know that they have the wholehearted support of our people. I therefore commend to all Americans appropriate and sympathetic observance of Army Day as a token of special honor to the soldiers and veterans of our Army, at home and in foreign lands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-eighth day of February in the Year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-second.

By the President:

G. C. Marshall

Secretary of State.

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

Gen. Carl A. Spaatz



"The United States Air Force is pleased to join the people of America in a salute to the United States Army on Army Day.

"Today, as in the past, the Army is essential for national security and a positive force for peace.

"Today we express our high regard to our citizen soldier veterans who have borne arms in time of emergency, and to others of our citizens who have served the country's security needs in a civilian capacity. We also affirm our confidence in the soldier of today who, at home and abroad, presents tangible evidence of our determination for peace.

"On Army Day, we would do well to examine the state of our national security. Without world peace we achieve security only to the extent of our ability to defend ourselves. Let us, then, make sure that our program of national security is thoroughly realistic, and that the Military Establishment achieves the strength to execute it. By thus insuring our own nation's security, we will make a great contribution to the peace and security of the world."

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demic typhus fever to the point where it is no longer feared as a great killing disease.

Army Institute of Pathology — Many physicians and medical institutions throughout the world have made use of the microscopic library which has recently been made available for reference. The collection contains complete photographic records of disease conditions and environments throughout the world.

Research—Some of the most significant victories were won in the Army Medical Department's laboratories where doctors and technicians waged their relentless war against the invisible hosts of disease-carrying micro-organisms.

In Army laboratories, rare and hitherto unknown afflictions are being recognized and the search continues for new and improved means of combatting man's greatest enemy — disease.

Infections hepatitis (disease of the liver) proved to be one of the most important of military medical problems during World War II. Great emphasis is being placed on research involving this disease. A new hepatitis center has been established in the U. S. Army hospitals in Bayreuth, Germany, where all phases of the disease are receiving clinical and laboratory study.

The Psychiatric Team—The idea of the psychiatric team is being de-

veloped in the Army. The team will include the psychiatric social worker with the clinical psychologist who will work in collaboration with the neuro-psychiatrist in the study and treatment of persons with emotional and personality disturbances.

Close coordination between research chemists and biological investigators with the Army Chemical Corps may well make such medical discoveries of considerable importance in the postwar world.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



DISCUSSION GROUP SPEAKER

An informal talk on stock market trends was given recently for LGH patients when Richard Keegan (right), local investment broker, was guest speaker for the Discussion Group, one of the hospital activities sponsored by the Red Cross. L to R: Miss Nancy Jones, Red Cross recreation worker; Sgt. Ira Lauderman, Pvt. Homer Johnson and Mr. Keegan.



FOUR NURSES RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

To the rank of Captain. Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, congratulates the group after pinning on their bars. L to R: Colonel Winn, Capt. Lois R. Dimmerling, Capt. Alma E. Heintzelman, Capt. Annabel M. Christiansen, Capt. Margaret E. Tollefson, Chief Nurse Lieut. Col. Elsie E. Schneider.



APPETIZING ARRAY

Close-up of a Fishermen's Wharf sidewalk stand, taken on a recent camera field trip for LGH patients conducted by T-4 Sally Craig of the O. T. photo lab.



SAN FRANCISCO YACHT HARBOR

Another favorite subject for patients in search of good picture material on camera field trips.

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EDITORIAL

A PRAYER FOR ARMY DAY

O eternal Lord God, be pleased to receive into Thine almighty and most gracious protection the soldiers of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in their service to our country amidst the storms and floods of national disasters.

Shield them from all danger; keep them strong and steadfast; give them courage and chivalry; uphold their hands as they seek to further the cause of righteousness for the maintenance of a just peace.

Hold in Thine omnipotent keeping our many comrades, who, having made the great sacrifice upon the altar of liberty, now rest with Thee. Grant that we, the living, may keep faith with these brave ones who have gone on before us, to the end that we may glorify Thy Holy Name and be worthy trustees of the moral heritage of our beloved country.

Bless our comrades, we pray Thee, O God, wherever they serve; and keep this our land, the United States of America, under Thy holy protection. Amen. — By **Major General LUTHER D. MILLER, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army.**

Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other, and scarcely in that; for it is true, we may give advice, but we cannot give conduct. Remember this: they



The former First Lieutenant Kathleen Eileen O'Connor, long time Letterman nurse, who announced her marriage last September to Mr. John Joseph Murphy, of Chicago, is now whispering that the world is to be richer for one more Murphy come July.

First Lieut. Mildred Roark, ANC, left this week on a 21-day leave. Her husband, who is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, is getting leave at the same time, and they are planning a trip to Indiana.

The Nurses' Recreation Hall was festive with Easter decorations last Sunday for the cocktail party given by the Letterman nurses to honor Lieut. Colonel Joanna Peters and Lieut. Colonel Ruby Bryant. It was a farewell party for Colonel Peters, who is retiring from the ANC, and a welcome for Colonel Bryant, who is taking her place as Chief Nurse, Sixth Army.

Mrs. Margaret Hickey, civilian nurse on ward P-1, is taking a 30-day leave and plans a leisurely trip to Fort Sam Houston with her sister. They are driving to Texas, and look forward to loitering on the way.

Korea will be the new duty station of First Lieut. Ruth T. Mills, ANC, who left this week on a 10-day pre-embarkation leave before reporting to Camp Stoneman.

First Lieutenants Henrietta Henderson, Eunice Moratz and Charlotte Higgins, of the dietitians staff, planned to spend this week end enjoying themselves at Yosemite.

First Lieut. Ruth A. Dotts, ANC, plans to spend her 30-day leave, which began this week, at her home in Norristown, Pennsylvania.

First Lieut. Edith Ansley, ANC, arrived this week from Fort Benning, Georgia, to begin the 13-month course in anesthesia here at Letterman.

that will not be counseled cannot be helped. If you do not hear reason, she will rap you over your knuckles.—Benjamin Franklin.

WAC

Margaret Drescher is back from her furlough in Tucson, Arizona, reporting a wonderful time. While she was on furlough Margaret caught a lot of fish, and she says one of them was really a big one. The sad thing is, there's no camera proof of it, but her friends know she wouldn't tell a fish story.

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Katherine Brown left this week for Camp Lee, Virginia, where she will take a course being given there for recruiting instructors.

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Four of the members of the WAC detachment enjoyed three-day passes this week—Norma Underhill, Fay Lavagnino, Dorothy Koogan and Louise Hass.

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Grace Burke and Rose Casilio are both on patient status this week, and their friends hope they'll have a speedy recovery.

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Evelyn Cummings, who only recently arrived at Letterman, had a very brief stay here. She is being discharged and is returning to civilian life.

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Joan Norenberg went to Los Angeles this week on a detached service assignment.

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Carolyn Fix, returned this week from furlough, and says she enjoyed herself very much while on her trip to Texas.

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First Lieut. Adele Montean spent an enjoyable Easter holiday with friends in Reno. She went up by train (12 hours en route); returned by plane (1½ hours).

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"Smitty"—Pauline Smith—is currently trying out a diet that sounds a bit monotonous, but it's said to be effective. It's certainly simple—consists of nothing but grapefruit.

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Sally Craig's driving is just what the birds enjoy, it seems. She doesn't intimidate them—they perch on her radiator cap to get free rides.

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Adrienne Hoyes took advantage of the sunny weather last Saturday to do a little car washing. She likes to be barefooted when she washes cars, and Saturday was just right for that. This method is fine for those who like to go wading without going near the water.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday 4 April, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

About the WAC Bill

The House Armed Services Committee has reported favorably an amended form of the "Women's Armed Service Integration Act of 1948" (S. 1641) providing for the enlistment and appointment of women in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and in the Officers Reserve Corps, and extending the WAC, AUS for a period of 12 months from the passage of the Bill.

As amended, the Bill does not provide for women in the Regular Army but does authorize the retention of volunteers in the WAC, AUS for a period of one year, and the utilization on active duty of WAC Reserve officers and enlisted women.

Inasmuch as S. 1641 provided for women in the Regular Army as well as in the Reserve when it passed the Senate, it will be necessary for a joint committee of both Houses to resolve the difference if the Bill is passed by the House in its amended form.

Library

Race horses, perfumes, and mystery stories seem to vie with each other in the highly imaginative names given them. Witness some of the new titles of whodunits: *An Author Bites the Dust*, by Upfield; *Dance Without Music*, by Cheyney; *My Love Wears Black*, by Cohen; *One Corpse Missing*, by Ross; *Many a Monster*, by Finnegan; *Fatal Step*, by Miller; *Hanging Judge*, by Hamilton. This last, by the way, is a humdinger of a story, and rated by lawyers as one of the best in its accuracy of court procedures. In the Library.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARILOUISE DAMM
Sergeant

Naturally people shorten the name of Sergeant Marilouise Damm to Marilou, but they really have fun with her last name. She probably has fun with it, too, by just uttering her last name without benefit of prefix when anyone says "Name, please?" The effect on the listener would be startling, anyway.

Marilouise was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and she and her parents and three sisters and one brother are such a congenial family that she always used to be troubled by homesickness whenever she was away. She has always been interested in farming, and went to Farmingdale State Institute in New York state for a special agricultural course before she joined the Army. But she got so homesick she came home two weeks later. "The Army cured me of homesickness," she says. "I knew I couldn't go home whenever I felt like it, so I made myself stick it out."

She joined the WAC in January 1945, leaving her job as spot welder in a defense plant, and went to Des Moines for basic training. She then went to William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas, for medical technicians' training. She received her discharge in June 1945, following her husband's return from overseas, but ten months later she re-enlisted, and got an Air Corps assignment.

She spent eight months at Mitchell Field, Long Island. Then, after attending clerk's school at Camp Lee, she went overseas, and was stationed in Vienna, as chief file clerk in the Provost Marshal's office. She enjoyed a memorable tour through Italy, visited Berchtesgaden, and went to Heidelberg. She was on the WAC volleyball and softball teams. The softball team won the European

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

"Red" Parmelle of ward E-2 has been having two Red Cross girls as constant visitors lately. They come, supposedly, to play rummy; but they stay long after visiting hours. Maybe "Red" has used his charms on them, who knows?

Robert Mason, Otis Caray, Tom Hooker, and Le Roy Hessler of ward K-3 have been having an argument lately as to whom the champion double solitaire player is. "Of course," says Le Roy, "I am really the best player; but I like to humor them."

George Cassidy, who is now on ward E-2, thought that he had lived down his nickname when he moved into the ward, however, the whole ward now knows him by his nickname: "Squeaky." Incidentally, George has also given up women. That is, all but one (at a time).

Carl Platz is very pleased with himself because of the fact that he can work a Chinese puzzle known as the "Tower of Hanoi" in only six minutes. In fact he is willing to bet that he can work the puzzle faster than anyone in the ward—or in the hospital, for that matter.

"What a Difference a Day Makes"—and how! The Recreation Hall was crowded to the maximum on Tuesday. Everyone needed money for cigarettes, haircuts, etc.; but on Thursday there was hardly anyone there. It's amazing what a difference a payday makes.

Charles Dumas of ward E-2 tells the boys on the ward that he has been married twelve times and is now considering the thirteenth one. The boys pity the poor woman.

Ezdar Mendes on ward E-2 seems to be falling rather hard for a certain little girl known to us only as "Candy;" but, after all, who doesn't love Candy?

Norman Nystrom, who is on ward Command softball championship, and each team member received a handsome watch on that occasion. Marilouise says it is one of her most treasured possessions.

She enjoys arts and craft, with special emphasis on wood-carving, and has carved a statue of St. Sebastian from wood. She still likes farming, and wants to do that when she is a civilian again.

N-2, has of late been devoting his time to making sterling silver wire bracelets. The last one that he made was so exceptional that he was requested to make one just like it for the Red Cross exhibit.

John Clark, a patient on ward D-2, has been doing a great deal of weaving here at Letterman. Unlike most of his fellow weavers, however, he insists on warping his own loom. This, we are told, is very tedious work and is usually done by the employees of the O.T. Shop. John's latest project is a set of table mats.

Allen F. Sullivan of ward 26 has a unique pastime. He ties flies which are used in fishing. He started this when he was a bed patient. Now he uses his own flies when he goes fishing.

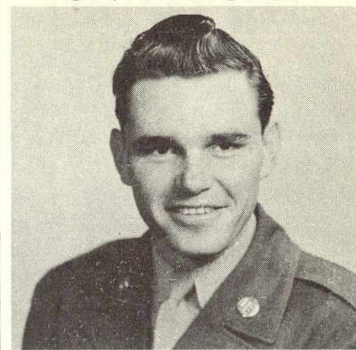
Anthony Guassardo, who is on ward E-1, is probably the most versatile person ever to come to the O.T. Shop. He has tried his hand at almost everything that the O.T. Shop has to offer. He is now making a spaghetti board.

Rudolph B. Davila, patient on ward D-2, is now engaged in a wood-working project. He is making a console type radio cabinet that will be the envy of any commercial manufacturing company. At present he has it all put together and stained. Now all that is needed is the finishing. It is a very modernistic style.

Le Roy Hessler of ward K-3 is still counting the number of days until he is due for discharge. As of today he has only seventy-four days to go. However, this draft business has him worried. He is afraid that discharges might be frozen and he will be "stuck" in the Army.

A special fishing trip to the Farallone Islands on the LGH boat, the L-101, on Tuesday of this week has yielded something extra-special in the way of fish stories. Every one of the patients and duty personnel aboard caught plenty of fish—except the Special Services officer, Captain Joseph Grindley, who was too seasick to care. But about the fish story—the 20 persons who made the trip caught 1,000 pounds of fish. Present plans for the L-101 call for a special long-distance fishing trip every other Sunday, beginning 18 April. Patients interested in going

ON THE SPOT



RICHARD H. THOMPSON
Master Sergeant

Master Sergeant Richard H. Thompson, chief clerk of the X-Ray Clinic, has managed to see quite a few things and cover a lot of territory during his five years in the Army.

Dick, who was born in Los Angeles, entered the service in April 1943. He took his basic training at the Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Berkeley, Texas. After this he spent five months at the Surgical Technicians' School, William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas. His first duty station was Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, California. He remained there until May 1944, when he went overseas.

He was assigned to the 137th Station Hospital on Guadalcanal. After serving 10 months with this unit, Dick came back to the States in March 1945 to attend MAC OCS at Carlisle Barracks.

His first assignment in a commissioned status was as Post Laundry Officer, Camp Siebert, Alabama. In November 1945 he went to DeWitt General Hospital as Laundry Officer.

Dick went overseas again in March 1946. During this second tour of overseas duty he served in hospitals in France and Germany. When he returned to the States in January of 1948, he received his discharge, then re-enlisted the following day in the grade of Master Sergeant. He came to LGH in February.

Dick's hobbies are photography and sports of all types, especially horse-back riding. He plans to make the Army his career.

on these trips may sign up at Special Services office, East Hospital Service Club.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Bernice Dixon, better known as 'Dixie,' who presides over that ever-popular spot, the cigarette counter in the LGH Main PX, always has a cheerful smile and a friendly word for the patients. Not only for the patients, of course, but especially for them, because they're away from home, and the rest of us are not.

Rebecca Garcia of the Chaplain's Office was unintentionally displaying a new ornamental touch in the pocket of her suit jacket the other day. Where most people have a fancy handkerchief on view, Becky had a dollar bill poking its head out of her pocket. Novel idea, but it could prove costly.

Alice Thompson, manager of the Main PX, had a festive Easter week end. She flew to Fresno to spend the holiday with her husband, and they went to Yosemite on Sunday, where they picnicked on fried chicken. One of "Tommie's" Easter gifts from her husband was a handsome green leather wallet. She drove back to San Francisco with Major Anne Pilegard, ANC.

Agnes Ravndal is a newcomer on the library staff, but not to Letterman. She was formerly here as a Red Cross hospital worker, but left last July. She is taking over the duties of Mrs. Betty Jean Novak, who is accompanying her husband, Captain Frank Novak, MC, to his new duty station at Beaumont General Hospital.

Ginny Anglin of the PX Grill, who recently underwent an operation, was well enough to leave the hospital last Sunday, and it is hoped she will soon be able to return to duty.

May Fewer of the Main PX is enjoying a week's post-Easter vacation, and is spending it here in San Francisco with two of her granddaughters.

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"On the day my wedding occurred"

"Pardon the correction, but weddings, receptions, dinners and such affairs 'take place.' It's only calamities that 'occur.' Do you see the distinction?"

"Yes, I see. Well, as I was saying, on the day my wedding occurred—"

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Hotel Clerk: "Inside or outside room, soldier?"

Soldier: "Inside, you dope, it's raining."

DARK-EYED DENNE DOES DIVERSE DUTIES DILIGENTLY AND DEVOTEDLY



First Lieut. M. DENNE KUNTZ
Of Physical Therapy Section, Physical Medicine Service

First Lieut. M. Denne Kuntz of the big brown eyes and engaging smile has a three-way record of Government service. She has worked as a civilian employee, was in the WAC when it was the WAAC, and is now in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps as a Physical Therapist.

Denne was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, and majored in biology at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H. She originally wanted to become a surgical nurse, but illness changed her plans, and after her graduation from college she went to Washington, D. C., and worked in the Foreign Funds Control office of the Treasury Department.

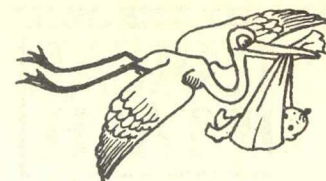
In June 1943 she joined the WAAC, was assigned to Signal Corps work and sent to radio school at Paul Smith's, in New York state, near Lake St. Regis. When the WAAC became the Women's Army Corps, she went to Des Moines for basic training, after which she was stationed at Holabird Signal Depot near Baltimore, Maryland. There she did clerical work in the Identification Office. She also was on recruiting duty for a short time in Balti-

more, and promptly recruited herself for training in Physical Therapy.

She had her P. T. training at Walter Reed General Hospital, and received her commission in November 1945. Her first P. T. assignment was at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, where she remained until June 1946, when the hospital closed. She asked for duty at Letterman, but was sent instead to Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and again remained until the hospital closed. Then, January 1947, her request to come to LGH was granted, and she has been here now for over a year.

She wants to continue with Physical Therapy work when she returns to civilian life, which will be in May, and hopes to be working in a Honolulu hospital before too long.

Denne began a 15-day leave this week and will go to San Antonio, Texas, to attend the wedding of one of her friends there. Most of her diversions are sports. She played badminton on the LGH team, and she particularly enjoys skiing, archery and tennis. She's a great football fan, and last season used to try to see both the college and the professional games each week end.



To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Raymond Polasky, a girl, **Stephanie Louise**, born 19 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Lewis Osborne, a boy, **Richard Ross**, born 19 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Richard Dreher, a boy, **John Lorentz**, born 19 March.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Howard Allen, a boy, **Howard Allen, Jr.**, born 19 March.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Randolph Alonzo, a boy, **Randolph, Jr.**, born 21 March.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Warren McRay Hensley, a boy, **Craig Warren**, born 21 March.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Harold M. Mosher, a boy, **Timothy Albert**, born 21 March.

To Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Francis Paul Koisch, a girl, **Mary Gali**, born 23 March.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Ray Charles Alger, a boy, **Bruce Ray**, born 23 March.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Robert Eugene Draher, a boy, **Robert Paul**, born 24 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Martin Edward Roth, a girl, **Pamela Morgan**, born 24 March.

To Mr. and Mrs. Steven Emery Yolo, a boy, **Steven Emery, Jr.**, born 25 March.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph Wiley, a boy, **William Raymond**, born 26 March.

To Captain and Mrs. Elvin C. Goodwin, a girl, **Dawn Rene**, born 26 March.

To first Sergeant and Mrs. Robert A. Kantz, a girl, **Maureen Louise**, born 27 March.

To T/3 and Mrs. William Kevern, a boy, **David Phillip**, born 27 March.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Albert Milnar, a boy, **Mark Albert**, born 27 March.

To T/4 and Mrs. Raymond R. Gray, a girl, **Laura Jean**, born 27 March.

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Floridan: (Picking up a watermelon): "Is this the largest apple you can grow in your state?"

Californian: "Don' squeeza da grape!"

MEDICAL DETACH

Roland "The Frame" Harlow and Al Dorn were engaged in a very lively game of baseball the other day. The only trouble was that their game was slightly cramped, due to the fact that they were playing inside.

George Barte, formerly of the Troop Information and Education Section, has a new job. He is now with the Claims and Legal Assistance Office. If you have any legal trouble, boys, be sure to stop in and see him; if nothing else, he will at least cry with you.

Everyone who had made preparations to work last Friday night in order to miss the inspection (in the Carline area), was not very pleasantly surprised when the inspection was called off, but they found that they had to work anyway. It just goes to show that "crime" does not pay.

James Branuc was slightly embarrassed the other morning when he awoke and found that his bed consisted of the grey sky and green grass. His enterprising "friends" had moved his bed outside while he slept.

Most of the boys in barracks 563 will be discharged in the next four months. The favorite pastime of these boys is to gloat over the boys who have more time to do than they have (although there might only be a day or two difference). Among these are Le Roy Hessler and George Margheim.

Elam Hilliard, Barracks Sgt. of 563, is leaving on a furlough soon. Among the places he plans to visit are: Fort Lewis (his brother is there), Chicago, and Virginia.

H. Patrick Doyle was in a terrific fight near the Rec Hall the other night. "It was a tough fight, but I won," says Doyle. "I owe my success to my superb physical condition." His opponent (a seven year old boy) demanded a return bout. However, Doyle declined. He decided not to trust his luck too far.

Eddie: "I had a good job before I came into the Army."

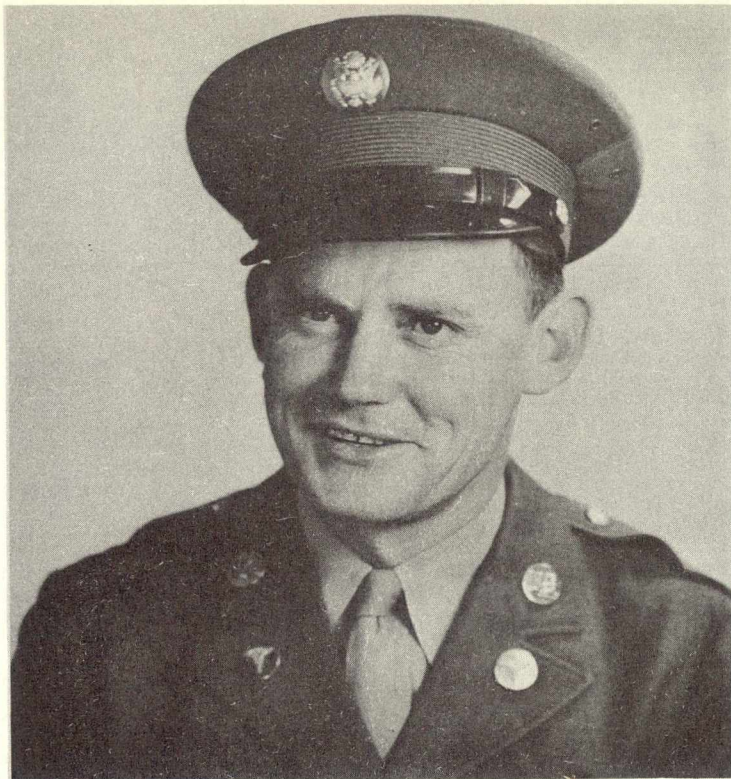
Hal: "What did you do?"

Eddie: "I was a gangster in an underwear factory."

Hal: "A gangster in an underwear factory?"

Eddie: "I was boss of the UNDIE-WORLD!"

HE'S WORKING ON THE LAST ONE OF THOSE FIRST 20 YEARS IN THE ARMY



Master Sergeant WILLIAM T. ROGERS
Commander of the Guard, Military Police Section

Master Sergeant William T. Rodgers has less than a year to go to complete twenty years of service in the Army, and the last eight years of that time he has spent at Letterman, where he is commander of the guard, Military Police Section of the Division of Security and Intelligence.

M/Sgt. Rodgers was born in Greenville, South Carolina. He joined the Army in February, 1929, soon after his graduation from high school, and went first to Fort Slocum, N. Y., en route to Panama. His first assignment was with the Military Police at Quarry Heights, Canal Zone, and he says he came to like Panama very much in the three years he spent there. He was discharged upon his return to the United States, and one week later he re-enlisted in the 38th Infantry and went to Fort Douglas, Utah.

At the end of that tour of duty he re-enlisted for Hawaii, and at Schofield Barracks was again on M. P. duty as a member of the Headquarters and Military Police Company of the Hawaiian Division. He was in the Islands for six years, and thoroughly enjoyed his stay there.

In 1940 he came back to San

Francisco, again re-enlisted, and this time reported for duty at Letterman, where he has been ever since. From 1941 until after V-J Day, M/Sgt. Rodgers was the only military member of the guard force, and was in charge of a group of civilian patrolmen. Shortly after the cessation of hostilities, however, he again commanded a group of military personnel, when the civilians were replaced by Army men. Sergeant Rodgers' long experience in Military Police duties makes him particularly well qualified to deal efficiently with the problems arising in that branch of the service.

Sergeant Rodgers and his wife Nettie, who make their home here on the post, are the parents of an 18-month-old son, Jimmy, who was born here at Letterman. He bears the dignified name of James Vernon Rodgers, but when his father chuckles and speaks of him fondly as "a character," you know he thinks of the baby as "Jimmy." Sergeant Rodgers likes football and baseball, says he's an avid fan for both sports, but since Jimmy's arrival, he spends most of his free time with the baby—and likes it that way.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

T/5 Hally A. Burford and Pvt. Bobby C. Sullivan went "south" this week. A change of scenery afforded them a view of Los Angeles on their journey.

Sgt. William "Just Because My Hair Is Curly" Jordan, T/5 Utah Crowson and T/5 William Lacy seem to like picnics in the rain. Seems funny they don't get wet.

Major M. J. Greb, formerly Evacuation Officer (H.T.S.), is now Linen Control Officer at Letterman. (Yes, Major, you did make this column.)

T/4 Joan Norenburg, of Maintenance Office, took a trip to Los Angeles this week. She was glad to return to her H.T.S. friends, after seeing some real "Hollywood wolves."

Numerous persons have spoken commendably of the preparations for the Army Day Exposition of the H.T.S. Hospital Cars, on Army Day (6 April), that have been completed by T/Sgt. James Mitchell's train crew. The three cars, on track six, that will be exhibited are: one Medical Kitchen Car, one U. S. Army Ward Car (made up) and one U. S. Army Ward Car (stripped). Other sections also commended were the Maintenance Section, for their fine work in cleaning and painting all of the Hospital cars assigned to the Unit here, and 1st Sgt. O'Connor's detail, for improving the landscape around the H. T. S. area. A more cheerful atmosphere is now being aired, as a result, by the whole H. T. S.

Sgt. Glenn D. Long and Cpl. George S. Lingle traveled to Tehachapi, California on a trip this week.

The LGH N. C. O. Club will have a dance tonight, at the Crissy Service Club. The next Bingo party will be Wednesday evening, 7 April. A special Jackpot has been started, with twenty-eight (28) dollars to date for a lucky winner.

Pfc. Ralph Sellers left this week for Burlington, Michigan on a trip, and leave. 1st Lt. Paul Linner, of the Camp Kilmer Hospital Train Section, made the trip also and returned to Camp Kilmer.

After two and a half months (the coldest, too) 1st Lt. Ann Vischansky has returned to sunny California. She has been at Camp Kilmer. As usual, she said she enjoyed her trip.

Troop Information And Education

Developing over-all policies and procedures for the vast education program is the responsibility of the Army Education Branch of the Troop Information and Education Division, Special Staff, United States Army. The prime mission of the Troop Information and Education Division is to make each serviceman a better soldier and a better citizen. This can best be accomplished by assisting soldiers of the United States Army to become the best educated soldiers in the world.

The specific objectives of the Army Education Program are:

1. To provide the education necessary for the soldier to perform his assigned duties effectively.
2. To enable each soldier to meet the educational requirements necessary for promotion.
3. To provide continuing educational opportunity to the soldier.
4. To assist the individual soldier to employ his leisure time profitably and to satisfy his intellectual interests.

The Army is definitely interested in raising the educational level of each and every soldier. This fact is proved by the many educational opportunities made available to the individual soldier. Since members of the Army are assigned regular duties within the service, the educational opportunities are offered for the most part during the soldier's off-duty time.

The cost for this education to the individual soldier is nominal. Costs for the various types of opportunities are:

1. The cost for enrollment in a correspondence or self-teaching course with the U.S.A.F.I. is \$2.00. For this one fee a student may enroll in as many additional courses as desired, provided he maintains satisfactory progress.
2. The cost for correspondence courses taken with the 59 civilian schools and colleges cooperating with USAFI is slightly higher. For these courses the student pays the matriculation fee and cost of textbooks, while the Army pays all costs for lesson service. The cost of courses available through colleges contracting with USAFI in most instances ranges from four to twelve dollars per course.
3. The Army will pay the major portion of the cost of tuition for



(AFPS)—Under the warm sun of the southern climes, spring training in big-league baseball camps is going along smoothly and fairly buzzing with activity. A roundup of the camps discloses that:

Babe Ruth and Joe Tinker watched the Washington Senators trounce the Philadelphia Phillies in an exhibition game recently at Orlando, Fla. The score was 11-7. The Phillies have announced they were sending twelve players to their Toronto farm in the International league. Included were Lou Possehl, right handed pitcher, and Dick Koscher, southpaw.

In Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, the Dodgers from Brooklyn are having a hard time finding competition to match the hurling abilities of Preacher Roe and Joe Hatten. Their little Montreal farm team has its hands full trying to give them their money's worth.

The New York Giants are showing progress in their training out Angeles way, and Manager Mel Ott is as pleased as punch. Rookie Hurler Sheldon Jones looms as a candidate for a mound berth with the Giants when the season begins. All told, the 26-year-old Nebraska-born Californian has pitched five and one-third innings, struck out six batters, given one base on balls, and yielded no runs.

At Lakeland, Fla., the Detroit Tigers settled an important deal when Shortstop Eddie Lake's signing erased the Tigers' only holdout problem. General Manager Billy Evans said Lake presumably would leave his Oakland, Calif., home immediately for camp. The terms were believed to call for \$12,000. Lake hit a measly .211 while playing every game last year.

Out in Pasadena, Calif., the Chicago White Sox and the St. Louis Browns recently tangled in a session which almost proved disastrous for the Sox. The final count was 13-1 for the Browns. The next day the White Sox turned right around and thoroughly pasted their arch rival, the Chicago Cubs, 7-4. The Sox had most of their fun with Pitcher Ben Wade who came to the Cubs from the Nashville club. His wildness bunched with a few hits precipitated four runs in the second inning.

At St. Petersburg, Fla., the New York Yankees have a mad scramble on their hands for the first base job. Tall, silent Jack Phillips shines as a candidate. He recently exploded 4 hits in a game with the Cincinnati Reds and scored twice.

any course a soldier may wish to take during his off-duty time in residence at a nearby school or college.

4. Usually no charge is made for enrollment in classes conducted at local posts or stations.

The Army Education Program does not give academic credit for courses completed, nor does it suggest to civilian schools how much credit to grant individuals for educational attainment in the Army. However, through the efforts and cooperation of the Commission on Accreditation of the American Council on Education, high schools, colleges, and the State Departments of Education of the 48 states of the U. S. are most cooperative in granting academic credit to individuals for educational attainments accomplished through the Army Education Program. It is estimated that more than a half million members of the Army have received high school diplomas or high school equivalency certificates on the basis of educational progress accomplished while in the service. Over 2,000,000 men

have been granted academic credit.

Through the facilities of the Army Education Program, members of the Army may further their education in almost any field or subject. See your Education officer for additional help and guidance with your educational problem.

Classes on the post and off the post will be resumed Monday, 29 March 1948.

Off the post classes at Marina Jr. High School, Galileo, and Commerce have a complete curriculum to meet all kinds of interest—vocational and avocational.

Schedules are available in the Troop Information, and Education Office—Building 1039, Ext. 4403.

A patient received the following note from a friend:
I'm in a 10der mood 2day
& feel poetic, 2;
4 fun I'll just—off a line
& send it off 2 U.
I c sorry U've been 6 o long;
Don't be disconsol8;
Bear U'r ills with 42de,
& they won't seem 2 gr8.

Health of Army For Past Winter Best on Record

The United States Army was in better health throughout the past winter than during any like period in past years for which comparable statistics are available, it was announced this week by the Army Medical Department.

Strictly comparable figures for the past quarter-century discloses an average January hospital admission rate in the Army of a little over 14 per 1000 troops per week, while the weekly rate for January, 1948 was 9.4 per 1000. The February, 1948 rate was 50 per cent lower than the average for the past 25 years; the rate this year was approximately ten-and-one-half cases of illness per 1000 troops per week, while the 25-year average was about fifteen-and-one-half per week.

Sad Sacks Sunk

The Letterman keggers went down to defeat on Tuesday evening at the local alleys when the team from the Oakland Army Base took two out of three games in the scheduled match of the Army-Navy Bay Area Bowling League.

Colonel Wright, of the transbay team, was "on fire" all evening and the effect was catching on his teammates. T/Sgt. Wilcox, who is normally the Letterman "hotshot," was himself only in spots.

The secretary of the league is keeping the standings of the teams a secret—military or otherwise—but maybe he will release it some day.

The scores:

	1st	2nd	3rd	
Letterman	Gm.	Gm.	Gm.	Tot.
Wilcox	153	176	142	471
White	177	196	153	526
Lehman	134	120	166	420
Gacioch	157	101	153	411
Yohe	157	142	149	448

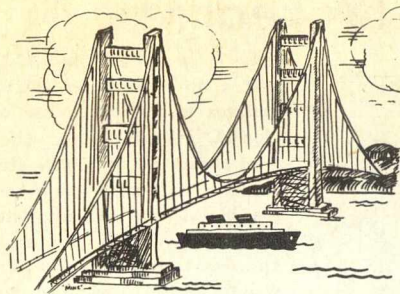
TOTALS 778 735 763 2276

Oakland Army Base

Wright	177	199	177	553
Willig	149	139		288
Balding	117	140	156	413
Wachtell ..	114		160	274
Fueger	157	189	190	536
Brussow ..		170	167	337

TOTALS 714 837 850 2401

Definition of a regulation haircut: A patch of hair with white side-walls.



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Letterman's Part In Forthcoming Medical Meetings

Letterman will be host to state and national medical men on four occasions during the next two weeks, when the annual meetings of the American College of Physicians and the California State Medical Association will be held in San Francisco.

The California State Medical Association will hold its 77th annual session next week, from 11 to 14 April, with headquarters at the St. Francis Hotel. On Monday, 12 April, and Wednesday, 14 April the Clinical Dermatology and Syphilology Section will meet here at Letterman for afternoon sessions.

The 29th annual session of the American College of Physicians will be held the following week, 19 to 23 April. It is expected that this conference will be attended by more than a thousand physicians from all parts of the United States. The best known authorities in the field of internal medicine will be on the program during the conference.

Two clinics will be held at Letterman during the American College of Physicians meetings. The first, on "Hepatitis in Military Personnel," will be held Tuesday, 20 April, and four cases will be presented and discussed. Colonel Mack M. Green, Chief of the Medical Service at LGH, will act as moderator. The second clinic, in which five "Unusual Cases" will be presented, will be on Thursday, 22 April, with Colonel William S. George, assistant chief of Medical Service, as moderator. At both clinics, each case will be discussed by civilian medical authorities. Major Robert A. Kennedy of the Medical Service is in charge of arrangement for these two clinics. They are to be held in the Recreation Hall.



ARMY DAY VISITORS
Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, greets Edward J. Walsh, San Francisco Fire Chief, and Walter J. Leonetti, San Francisco Fire Commissioner, who were among the distinguished visitors to Letterman's Open House on Army Day.

The Chiefs of the Medical Services from all Army General Hospitals will attend the American College of Physicians program, as well as Army medical officers from the Office of The Surgeon General and from a number of other Army installations. They will be housed at Letterman during their stay here.

There will be a meeting on Saturday, 24 April, at Letterman for the chiefs of the medical services of all general hospitals and some larger

station hospitals, under the auspices of the Post-Graduate Medical Extension Division of the University of California. The subject of the meeting will be "Interne and Resident Training" with Dr. Loren D. Chandler, Dean of Stanford Medical School, as moderator.

Those who will be in attendance are: Major General George C. Beach, Jr., commanding general, Walter Reed General Hospital; Colonel Cliff-

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Majority of LGH Nurses Will Apply for ORC

Effective 31 May 1948, all Army Reserve nurses on duty at Letterman must hold commissions in the new Army Nurse Corps Section of the Officers' Reserve Corps. They must apply now for Officers' Reserve Corps commissions if they intend to remain in the service after 31 May.

Although the temporary Army of the United States Commissions which these nurses now hold do not expire until 30 June, nurses who have not accepted Officers' Reserve Corps commissions by 31 May will be separated automatically from the service on that date.

There are now 127 nurses at Letterman who are affected by the ORC ruling, and nearly all of them have indicated their desire to apply for the Nurse Corps Section of the Officers' Reserve Corps. There are 30 nurses on duty here who are now members of the Regular Army Nurse Corps.

The Army Nurse Corps Section of the Officers' Reserve Corps was created for the first time under the Army-Navy Nurses Act of 1947 (Public Law 36—80th Congress), which also created a permanent nurse corps for both Army and Navy.

Purpose of the Nurse Corps Reserve is to form an adequate reservoir of well-qualified nurses from which the Army may draw in time of national emergency and from which future vacancies in the active Army Nurse Corps ranks may be filled. Appointment to extended active duty, however, is entirely voluntary and will be made only on specific request from the individual serve nurse.

The Surgeon General Explains Retirement Procedure

In a detailed statement to the subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee of Congress, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General, gave the following information regarding procedures in cases of retirement for physical disability.

The retirement of officers by reason of physical disability is governed by laws and by Department of the Army directives based upon these laws. These laws and directives provide that, when it appears that an officer is no longer capable, by reason of physical or mental disability, of performing satisfactorily the duties of general military service for an officer of his age, rank, and branch of service, his condition will be evaluated with a view to determine whether he should be relieved from active duty by reason of physical disability and whether he should receive retired pay or retirement pay benefits.

There is one and only one yardstick prescribed for evaluating the disability of each officer under consideration for disability retirement, whether he be a Regular Army or a temporary officer, and that yardstick is represented by the following questions:

Does the officer have a physical or mental disability? Is that disability permanent? Is that disability sufficiently severe to constitute a permanent incapacity for general military service? Is said incapacity the result of an incident of commissioned military service?

The retirement procedure as set up in the Army provides for a thorough and complete evaluation of each case. In most instances there has been prolonged hospitalization required for study and treatment. When the individual has reached the maximum degree of improvement to be expected from such hospitalization he is brought before a medical disposition board composed of medical officers. This board carefully considers all evidence and makes a recommendation as to disposition, namely, that an individual is physically qualified to return to duty, that he should have sick leave or further observation and treatment or that he has an incapacity warranting appearance before an Army retiring board. These proceedings are reviewed by the hospital commander, who initiates steps for the return of the officer to duty, issues orders for sick leave, directs additional observation or treatment, or



SIXTH ARMY RETIREMENT BOARD IN SESSION

arranges for the appearance of the officer before an Army retiring board.

Army retiring boards are assembled as prescribed in statutes, which provide for the composition of such boards, set forth certain procedural restrictions upon the conduct of board hearings, define the duties of the board, and outline the manner in which its proceedings shall be forwarded for final approval or disapproval. These retiring boards are presently convened only at general hospitals, but are not appointed by nor are they under the jurisdiction of The Surgeon General.

The Army retiring board transmits its proceedings and findings, together with testimony taken by the board and all records and papers reviewed by it in connection with the hearing, direct to The Adjutant General, through The Surgeon General, for presentation to the Secretary of the Army.

The function of The Surgeon General is to review retiring board proceedings as to the sufficiency of medical testimony to support the findings of the board that an individual is or is not permanently incapacitated for active service and that if incapacitated, the incapacity is or is not the result of an incident of the service.

The results of the review are stated as an opinion concurring or nonconcurring in the findings of the retiring board and constitutes

cumulative evidence for the Secretary of the Army in making a final determination. When the evidence does not appear to support the findings, the proceedings are returned to the board by authority of the Secretary of the Army with appropriate comment as to the reasons for non-concurrence. The board then reconvenes and reconsiders the case in view of the comments made by The Surgeon General. It may reconsider and change its previous finding or may reaffirm the previous finding and submit additional evidence to warrant concurrence by The Surgeon General.

When there is still a difference of opinion between the retiring board and The Surgeon General the entire record is considered by a special board set up by the Secretary of the Army, namely, the Army Personnel Board. This board, after carefully reviewing the entire record, approves or disapproves the findings of the retiring board under authority of the Secretary of the Army.

There is in addition the Army Disability Review Board, set up under an act of Congress, 22 June 1944. This board reviews, at the request of any officer retired or released to inactive service, without retirement pay, for physical disability pursuant to the decision of a retiring board, the findings and decision of such board. In carrying out its duties, this board has the

same powers as exercised by or vested in a retiring board whose findings and decision are being reviewed.

In summary, it can be stated that retirements for physical incapacity are based upon careful study and evaluation. Each case is observed and evaluated under hospital supervision, appears before a disposition board, a retirement board, is reviewed in the Physical Standards Division of The Surgeon General's Office, and by the Army Personnel Board before final action is taken. Then in the event the officer is found permanently incapacitated but not eligible for retirement benefits, he has the opportunity to appeal his case to the Army Disability Review Board. There are certain to be differences of opinion along the line. Medicine is not an exact science and naturally opinions differ in the evaluation of given conditions, particularly when consideration of capacity for service must be in accord with statutes and various implementing directives. The very fact that there are these differences of opinion is a sign of a healthy situation and the absence of any compulsion in influencing action at lower levels.

It should be remembered that the mere presence of a disability is not a sufficient basis on which to find an individual eligible for retirement benefits. Under existing law and directives such disability must not only be permanent but of a degree and nature as to preclude the performance of active military duty.

Certainly there is but one policy equally applicable to all components of the Army, based upon statutes and implementing directives. In fact, during the period following the cessation of hostilities, when cases processed reached the peak, the Chief of the Retirement Branch was a member of the Reserve component, as were the majority of officers reviewing such cases.

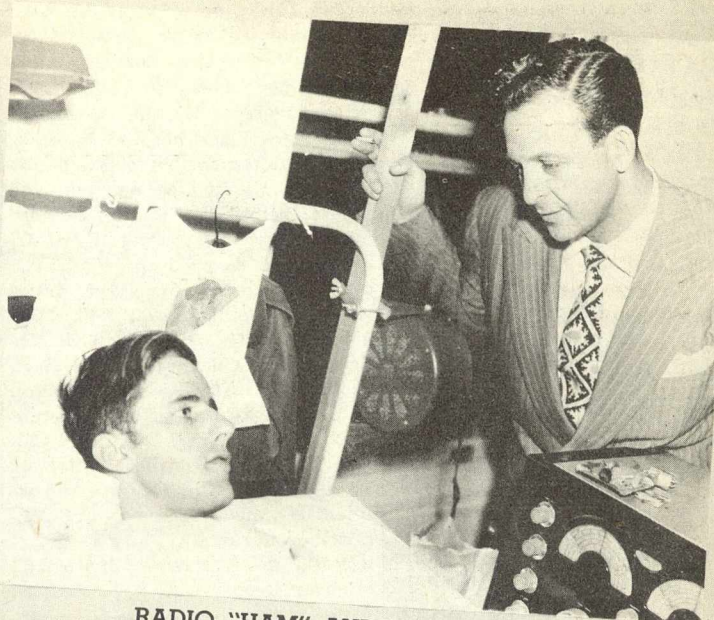
In conclusion it should be noted that individuals found not eligible for retirement benefits on the basis of existing law and implementing directives are not deprived of compensation for any service-connected disabilities that may be present. They may, after separation from the service, file a claim with the Veterans Administration for consideration under statutes administered by that agency, and which provide for compensation on a percentage basis.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



FOUR-WAY DIVERSION

Enjoying the sun on the ramp, chatting, knitting and listening to the radio, two patients while away an afternoon. L to R: 1st Lieut. Mary Beane, ANC, 1st Lieut. Ruth Israel, ANC, and T-4 Lorraine Meglis.



RADIO "HAM" AND RADIO STAR

Pfc Raymond Darrah of ward E-2, one of Letterman's better known radio "hams," talks with Barry Wood, radio star who entertained on the wards recently.



IN THE LETTERMAN POOL

Where patients find fun as well as Physical Reconditioning. The pool is one unit of the Letterman Sport Center, and is used by both patients and duty personnel.



EDDIE ORTA AND HIS BAND

make music on the wards for the Letterman patients. Their visit to the hospital was under the auspices of the Hospitalized Veterans' Entertainment Committee.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

TOMORROW

"Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays."

The significance of these words, written in the last century by Ralph Waldo Emerson, the American essayist, poet and philosopher, has not been blurred by the passage of time. They are worthy of note as when he first set them down. Man's scientific achievements have changed many concepts in the years between, but this concept of living with an eye on the promise of tomorrow is still valid, still worthwhile.

Too many of us waste energy on mulling over our yesterdays that might far better be spent on constructive action today. If mistakes have been made, it is well to recognize them and to resolve to avoid such mistakes in the future. But it is not necessary to be so filled with self-reproach that we are not alert to new possibilities.

There are also those who dwell on their yesterdays in the spirit of self-glorification. They are so proud of what they

WAC

Twenty-two members of the WAC detachment were on special Army Day duty Tuesday during Letterman's Open House. Most of the girls acted as guides for the visitors on their tour of the hospital facilities, some were responsible for the decorations in the Recreation Hall, and others helped serve the refreshments. Master Sgt. Opal Glenn arranged and directed the tours. The others detailed to Army Day duties were: T/Sgts. Margaret Bell, Margaret Drescher, Lestlie Roach; S/Sgts. Dorothy Bennett, Esther Hart, Viola Hocking, Josephine Porter; T/3s Edith Altenburg, Althea Birchfield, Marjorie Burns, Henrietta Callari, Virginia Hill, Jeanette Peterson, Elsie Lepitre, May Magrath, Christine McConnell; Sgts. Dorothy Gustafson, Dorothy Guy, and T/4s Rebecca Monroy, Pauline Smith and Mildred Stech.

The WAC detachment welcomes a newcomer—Sergeant Martha Foxworthy, who has recently returned from overseas duty in Japan.

Up to now hiking has been a favorite pastime with Henrietta Callari and Vi Hocking, and it still is, in a way. But after their last hike, which must have been a lengthy one, they are both agreed that it will be some time before the next one. The painful reason is aching feet, to put it bluntly.

Sheila Daugherty's mother wanted to surprise her for Easter—and did. She sent her new taffeta skirt packed in an Easter egg. No report as to how large the egg was, but since the skirt has the New Look, the egg just must have been larger than average.

Both Leatrice Lamascus and Henrietta Zuzga rated congratulations this week—both had birthdays during the week.

Ethel Stepp's niece has been here visiting her from Los Angeles.

Clara Queen is going all out to get that "Western Look." The comment on her Western boots is "sharp"

Quite a lot of importance is attached to a certain statue named

have done in the past that they like to rest on those laurels without further effort. These too could make good use of Emerson's advice.

"Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well . . ."



Major Mary Steppan, ANC, and Captain Lois Alfred, ANC, spent Army Day helping out at the Army Nurse Corps booth at Sixth Army.

Lieut. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse, took off last week on a 30-day leave, accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Hickey, civilian nurse at Letterman, and Mrs. Hickey's sister, the former Captain Eleanor O'Neill. They are driving, and their eventual destination is Fort Sam Houston, but they plan stops at several points of interest en route. Major Frances Henchey is acting chief nurse in Colonel Schneider's absence.

Four other members of the Army Nurse Corps staff are currently on leave. Captain Lourine Patterson has gone to Muskogee, Oklahoma; Captain Elizabeth Johnson will spend her leave at her home near Mill Valley; 1st Lieut. Rubye Walker will visit her home in Georgia, and 1st Lieut. Mary Long will enjoy her leisure here in San Francisco.

People who think pogo sticks appear only in the comic strips are wrong. Just to correct such a misapprehension, Barbara Neil, a P. T. patient, brought her pogo stick to the hospital with her one day this week. First Lieut. Ruth Wall was the pioneer in trying it out, and some of the other Physical Therapists had a fling at it too, but so far no one is planning to become a pogo-stick addict.

A welcome goes this week to two ANC newcomers. First Lieut. Virginia Witcomb comes to duty at Letterman from the First Army Station Hospital in New York City, and First Lieut. Mary J. Brown arrived here after overseas duty in Wiesbaden, Germany.

"Rich" which Doris O'Donnell brought back with her from overseas.

Ginny Hill's brother, who has been here visiting her, has returned to Los Angeles to school.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 11 April, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Here from OSG

Lieut. Col. Jesse U. Pritchett, Chief of Convalescent Services, Office of The Surgeon General, was at Letterman for a few days this week. He was accompanied by Captain Joseph D. Nolan, his assistant. They had been at Madigan General Hospital before coming to Letterman, and were going to McCornack General Hospital before returning to Washington.

Colonel Pritchett, who was formerly at Letterman as Chief of Reconditioning Service, is leaving shortly for Panama, where he will be executive officer at Fort Clayton Station Hospital. He said that Captain Nolan will succeed him as Chief of Convalescent Services in Washington.

Leaves Letterman

Frederick J. Lease, who has been superintendent of the Letterman postoffice since June 1946, when it was first operated by postoffice personnel, left Letterman on 1 April. He is now assistant superintendent of Station "D," on Belden Street, in the financial district. Mr. Lease has been in the postal service for the past 25 years.

The new superintendent of the LGH office is Robert Grellman, who has been with the postoffice department for 34 years. He was foreman at Rincon Annex before coming to Letterman.

Library

Noel F. Busch, the senior writer for Life magazine, has a new book on the occupation of Japan, called "Fallen Sun." He reports the brilliant American success in foreign relations in an exciting story, virtually unknown to Americans at home.

WAC OF THE WEEK



JEANETTE PETERSON
Technician Third Grade

T/3 Jeanette Peterson, who recently came to duty at Letterman after a long period spent as a patient overseas and at McCornack General Hospital, is happy to be back on the kind of assignment she has had during most of her time in the Army. She is a psychiatric social worker, and is on duty on ward 41.

Jeanette, who is also known as "Pete," was born in Minneapolis, Minn. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, where she specialized in psychology. She came into the Army in August 1944, shortly after she received her degree, and went to Des Moines for basic training. She had asked for duty in the Medical Department, and her first assignment was as psychiatric social worker at Carson General Hospital at Camp Carson, Colo. She spent 15 months there.

In February 1946 she went to Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., where she had a similar assignment during the next nine months. At the end of that time she was sent overseas, and served in Caserta and in Leghorn, doing clerical work. She visited a number of Italy's most famous places during her overseas tour of duty, including Rome, Sorrento, Amalfi, Florence and the Isle of Capri, and was making plans to see other countries. But these plans had to be cancelled when she was seriously injured in a jeep accident in June 1947. Hospitalization in Frankfurt, Germany, and at McCornack followed, and when she was able to return to duty she asked to be assigned to Letterman.

Her plans for the future include getting her M.A. degree in child psychology at the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Her leisure

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

It is reported that "Gabby" Hearn of ward E-2 is anxious to get married in the very near future. But he isn't telling the name of the object of his affections.

Earl Allison of ward F-1 has made a family of stuffed rabbits and a turtle to amuse his children, and now he is about to start on stuffed ducks.

Douglas F. Locke of ward 41 is showering gifts on the gals in the O.T. shop these days. He recently presented them with two boxes of chocolates.

Allan A. Shearer of ward E-2 is said to be involved in a triangle tangle. He has two girls and can't decide which is THE girl. He told Rita that Betty is his cousin, and, not to be partial, he told Betty that Rita is his cousin. His friends suggest that he wait and see which one proposes, since this is Leap year.

LeRoy Hessler has reluctantly left ward K-3 to return to duty. Reluctantly because he hates to leave his ward-mates—it's not that he isn't anxious to get back on the job for the 44 days left to him before discharge sets in.

Bruce Olsen, ward F-1, says he is still bucking for a transfer to the Veterans Hospital at Van Nuys, California.

Ezdar Mendes, who is on ward E-2, derived inspiration from the item in this column last week about his current romance with a girl named Candy. It seems that Candy

liked the story, too. This makes us a stand-in for the role of Cupid, which is okay.

Arthur "Junior" Ratliff of ward E-2 sleeps all day so that (according to his wardmates) he can stay awake at night and torment the others in the ward.

Mrs. Cooper, ward secretary on F-1, was mighty generous with her supply of homemade (?) candy on April 1. Almost the entire ward "bit" on the candy in more ways than one, and the victims found that inside that delectable looking chocolate was a filling of beans, cotton and cardboard. Thriftily, they ate the outside coating of chocolate, April Fool or no April Fool.

David Kakaio, now on ward F-1, is from Honolulu. When he came to Letterman, he was completely equipped with a guitar, a ukulele and some leis. After scouting around the ward he discovered that Vincent Guidry was also a guitar player, so they got together and now the whole ward is filled with their music.

Noah Rutherford of ward E-2 has proclaimed himself the champion cribbage player of Letterman. He will take on all comers and if he fails to beat any one of them he states that he will stand on his left ear.

This week the Barbecue Club was entertained on Wednesday at the Peninsula estate of Mrs. Jennie Crocker Henderson.

ON THE SPOT



CLARENCE H. CARRICK
Technical Sergeant

Technical Sergeant Clarence H. Carrick of the Clinical Records Section first entered the Service on 25 September 1943 at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Clarence took his basic training at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, with the 178th Combat Engineer Battalion. This "basic" included both Infantry and Combat Engineer training. After this he went to Louisiana for the 1944 maneuvers. In April of 1944 Clarence went to Camp Maxey, Texas with the "178," where he stayed until June, when he was transferred to the 2860th Transportation Corps.

After serving with the "2860th" until April of 1945, Clarence was transferred to the Camp Carson Station Hospital, Camp Carson, Colorado, where he performed the duties of Sergeant Major.

Clarence was discharged from the Army at Camp Carson on 28 January 1946, and he reenlisted the next day. After going on a 60-day furlough to his home town, Shelbyville, Tennessee, Clarence went to the Replacement Center at Fort MacPherson, Georgia. He was then assigned to Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois, as Administrative NCO.

Clarence first reported to Letterman in October 1946 and was on duty with Grounds and Maintenance until the following April, when he was transferred to Clinical Records Section as Chief Clerk.

Clarence was born in Wartrace, Tennessee and attended grade school and high school in Shelbyville. He likes sports of all types and plans to make the Army his career.

"And so I told her that I loved her and that we'd be married in the summer."

"July?"

"No, I meant it."

MORE ABOUT MEDICAL MEETINGS

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ord G. Blitch, Chief, Medical Consultants Division, OSG; Colonel Charles S. Mudgett, Physical Standards Division, Office of The Surgeon General and Colonel Rufus L. Holt, Commandant, Research & Graduate School, Army Medical Department.

Colonel C. L. Leedham, Oliver General Hospital; Colonel A. L. Robinson, Madigan General Hospital; Colonel Roosevelt Cafarelli, Valley Forge General Hospital; Colonel Clifford A. Best, Beaumont General Hospital; Colonel Paul S. Fancher, Percy Jones General Hospital; Colonel

time diversions are listening to classical music, meeting people, skiing, swimming and horseback riding.

Ralph I. Cox, Murphy General Hospital; Colonel Charles T. Young, Army-Navy General Hospital; Colonel Daniel J. Sheehan, McCornack General Hospital; Colonel James Taylor, Walter Reed General Hospital; Colonel James O. Gillespie, Brooke General Hospital; Colonel Carl W. Temple and Lieut. Col. T. K. Hill, Fitzsimons General Hospital; Lieut. Col. Henry A. Kind, Tilton General Hospital.

Colonel Aubrey L. Bradford, Fort Bragg; Colonel Horace C. Gibson, Fort Benning; Colonel Urho R. Merikangas and Colonel Daniel Waligora, Fort Jay; Lieut. Col. Ryle A. Radke, Fort Knox; Colonel George M. Powell, and Colonel William D. Willis, University of Pennsylvania.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Helen Lund of Payroll Section is wearing a new short halo hairdo this week which makes her naturally curly hair even more becoming than usual. Helen and her husband have recently acquired a Pontiac convertible. It's the new color, "cherry-coke," and has that million dollar look.

Stella Jackson of the Pathology Lab, who has been on leave since the illness and death of her mother, has resigned because of ill health. Her many friends at Letterman are sorry to hear that she will not be back at the hospital, but she says she will be in one day before too long to say good-bye.

Helen Diez of the Record Room, who has been away from her desk for the past three weeks, is expected back next Monday.

Leola Huffman, formerly of the WAC detachment here and now of Payroll Section, has resigned to be married, and will leave shortly for Virginia, where the ceremony is to take place.

Eleanor Funston, who is better known as Betsy, has returned from sick leave and is again on duty in Physical Medicine Service.

A welcome goes this week to eight newcomers on the Letterman civilian scene. Barbara Mostella, formerly of the LGH WAC detachment, is now here as a civilian in Surgical Service office. Hope Bean is new in Military Personnel, and being from Boston, probably has to cope with lots of wisecracks about her last name. The other newcomers are: Mercedes Marcy, Occupational Therapy; Ethel Goldman, Laboratory Service; Charles Werlin, N-P Service; Margaret Balforn, Orthopedic Service; Margaret Poska, X-Ray, and Chizuko Pakahasi, N-P Service.

"My ancestors came over on the Mayflower."

"It's lucky they did; the immigration laws are a little stricter now."

"I tell you," the old lady said firmly to the bell boy. "I will not have this room. I'm not going to pay for a closet without a window. Just because I'm from the country..."

"Get in, lady, get in," the bell boy said wearily, "this isn't your room. It's the elevator."

SHE DIDN'T GET OVERSEAS ON THE FIRST TRY, BUT SHE'S STILL HOPING



First Lieut. BEATRICE A. HAYWARD, ANC
She chose Letterman

First Lieut. Beatrice A. Hayward is the fortunate possessor of a well-developed sense of humor, which is a handy thing to have no matter what your occupation, and it's extra valuable in the nursing profession. You find out, when you talk with Lieut. Hayward, that she has a way with her that cheers up her patients. She is on duty on ward A-1.

She was born in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Being too young to begin training when she finished high school, she spent a year at business college, "and I've never been sorry," she says. The training has been useful, particularly the typing skill she acquired, in her work as a nurse.

Lieutenant Hayward took her nurse's training at Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain, Mass., near Boston. After she graduated she remained at Faulkner for a time, then after post-graduate training in obstetrics at New York Hospital, she went to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. There she was in charge of the obstetrical department.

She came into the Army in May 1945, on the day before V-E Day. After a six-week basic course at Fort

Devens, Mass., she was assigned to duty at Camp Edwards, which is on Cape Cod, and only about fifty miles from Lieutenant Hayward's home. Five weeks later she started on what was to have been overseas duty in Okinawa. She got as far as Panama, and there the ship was laid up for repairs while the passengers enjoyed a month's vacation. When the time came to leave, repairs on the ship having been completed, orders had been changed, and the 300 nurses aboard came to Los Angeles. They were then given a choice of duty stations, and Lieutenant Hayward chose Letterman.

She has been on ward A-1 most of the time since she has been here, and among the distinguished patients she has taken care of on that ward was General Joseph Stilwell, when he was a patient here during his last illness.

Lieutenant Hayward enjoys dancing, bicycling and driving a car—particularly an Oldsmobile. Reason for her preference is that since she has been at Letterman she has seen a lot of California from behind the wheel of an Olds. She likes to go to concerts and to the ballet. Recently she signed up to go to Hawaii, and is looking forward to the possibility of being assigned there.



To Captain and Mrs. William Edmond Purvis, a boy, **Martin Edmond**, born 28 March.

To Colonel and Mrs. Robert Nuttall Hicks, a boy, **Robert David**, born 28 March.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Quentin Earl Goodrich, a boy, **David Earl**, born 29 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. James Charles Onderdonk, a boy, **James Charles, Jr.**, born 29 March.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Henry Van Klootwyk, a boy, **Ronald Van**, born 29 March.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Abraham Margolis, a boy, **Lewis Sandy**, born 31 March.

To Major and Mrs. Charles Arthur Robbins, a boy, **Thomas**, born 31 March.

To Captain and Mrs. Irwin Foster, a boy, **Brady Charles**, born 31 March.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Carl Lovejoy, a girl, **Barbara Jean**, born 1 April.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Hubert Black, a girl, **Joyce Karen**, born 1 April.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Chester Bonds, a girl, **Frances Elizabeth**, born 1 April.

To Captain and Mrs. Edward Mark Gervase, a girl, **Janice Ellen**, born 2 April.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Harold A. O'Connor, a girl, **Ruth Barbara**, born 3 April.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Ferdinand Santos, a boy, **Rodney Anthony**, born 4 April.

Library

"Washington Cavalcade," by Charles Hurd, is another in the series of Society in America. It is historically accurate, entertaining, full of the color and drama of Washington life—political, diplomatic and social. No city in the country has changed its social character as much as has Washington, D. C. And yet, society remains divided into three groups, just as it was in the days of Jackson and Buchanan. And despite its cosmopolitanism and sophistication it is still a combination of an international capital and an American crossroads. In the Library.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The following twelve men from the Hospital Train Section have been detailed for temporary duty at Letterman General Hospital; S/Sgt. John B. Price, T/4 James A. Fortner, Cpl. P. G. Beauchamp Jr., T/5 James C. Kehoe, Privates First Class R. D. Bull, Thomas B. Butler, Allen F. Mac Donald, Edwin M. Salke, Privates Floyd R. Connell, Robert L. Graham, John Grimes, and John D. Poche.

T/5 John S. Keppel is now assigned as company clerk. T/5 Keppel was formerly enlisted assistant to Captain Walter S. Wilcox D C. Morning Reports or Dental Charts, T/5 Keppel can type both with equal ease.

Congratulations are in order for Robert R. Jackson, Donald W. Knudsen, and Charles W. Lucas, on their promotion to the grade of Technician Fifth Class. These promotions were all well deserved.

S/Sgt. James W. Allen has been detailed to accompany a patient to a VA Hospital in Los Angeles, while T/5 William J. B. Lacy Jr. and T/5 Edward J. Ferguson will accompany a patient to a VA Hospital in Sheridan, Wyoming, and Privates First Class Thomas S. Butler, and Joe B. Carter will accompany still another patient to the VA Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Sergeant Witt W. George, who recently returned from a ten day delay enroute from Memphis, Tennessee, reports that the weather is fair and warmer, "Deep In The Heart of Texas."

Pfc. Boyd Patterson from Huntsville, Texas, says that he is getting "Owly-Eyed," on his night driver assignment, but that after three nights he can see as well if not better at night than by day.

Fashion note T/4 Wiley W. Broughs reports that his new removable teeth will be ready for use about Wednesday. On that day he intends to dazzle the detachment with a big gleaming toothy smile.

Science department: After profound study, and deep deliberation, and based on a weeks close observation T/5 Jackson reports, "Dogs are smarter than people," and offers his two pups as proof.

LGH BEFORE AND AFTER OVERSEAS DUTY IS THE IDEAL PRESCRIPTION



Major ROBERT A. KENNEDY, MC
Assistant Chief of Medical Service

Major Robert A. Kennedy, MC, Assistant Chief of Medical Service, is now on his second tour of duty at Letterman, and says he was very pleased to have the opportunity to return here after he came back from overseas duty. Letterman was his first Army assignment, and thus far it is the only post in the United States at which he has served.

Although he was born in Denver, Colorado, Major Kennedy has lived in California so long that he considers himself practically a native. He received his M. D. from the University of Southern California, and engaged in private practice in Hollywood for five years before entering the Army. During that time he was physician for Paramount Studios.

He came into the Army in December 1942, and spent a year and a half at Letterman. While here he was engaged in research on malaria and on peripheral vascular disease. The material on the results of his research was not released during the war, but he now has an article in preparation which will shortly be ready for publication.

In 1944 Major Kennedy went overseas, and was first stationed in London, where he continued his re-

search, working with a group of personnel from Boston City Hospital during the following year. After the war ended he went to Frankfurt, where he was physician for the Chief of Staff, and was chief of medical service for the Second General Dispensary. While he was overseas, Major Kennedy visited cities in Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium and Germany. Of all the places he had an opportunity of seeing, he says he found Rome the most interesting from the point of view of sightseeing, and Germany the most beautiful.

He returned to the States in July 1946, and after reporting to the Office of The Surgeon General, was again assigned to Letterman. He has been particularly active in the residency training program here since his return.

He and his wife were fortunate enough to get the same apartment in the Marina that they had during Major Kennedy's first tour of duty here. They are now the parents of a young son, Tom, who is nearly five months old, and since his arrival Major Kennedy's hitherto favorite pastimes—hunting and fishing—have taken second place. He'd much rather be at home with young Tom.

MEDICAL DETACH

H. Patrick "Battler" Doyle, has decided to quit the fight game and settle down to life away from the public eye. He states that he is tired of being hounded by the autograph hunters that always go with fame. He is now devoting his time to pursuing women.

George Margheim, of 9956, is one of the hardest working men in the detachment. He slaves from dawn until dusk without a moment's break.

(Note: The foregoing is not necessarily the opinion of the writer; but was told to same by George Margheim.)

Don Breon is still looking for women. He spent the best part of last Friday evening looking for them. His specifications are as follows: blue eyes, blond hair, and must be four feet tall. Anyone knowing a woman who fits these specifications and who has no heart entanglements may apply.

Al Dorn and Roland "The Frame" Harlow attended the races at Bay Meadows last Saturday afternoon. Dorn bet quite heavily and lost every time. At the end of the day when he totaled his losses, he found that they added up to the tremendous sum of twenty-four cents.

Ellis McDiffett, because of the fact that he now sports a new pipe, is known as the most distinguished man in the 9956.

Burrill Wanrow, of the 9956 has just completed two weeks of special training at Mare Island Naval Training Station. They say there is no danger that he will enlist in the Navy next time.

The left fielder had missed three easy fly-balls. When the inning was over, he returned to the bench and alibied: "I guess I'll have to get glasses."

"Glasses?" roared the coach. "You're too far gone for glasses. What you need is radar!"

"Now, now, you mustn't cry," comforted the motherly old lady when she picked up the little lad who had stubbed his toe and fallen on his face on the sidewalk.

"Cry, my eye," the boy exclaimed. "I'm going to sue the daylighters out of somebody for this."

Troop Information And Education

The United States Armed Forces Institute's General Educational Development Examinations are designed to measure the extent to which an individual's educational experiences, both civilian and military, have contributed to his level of general educational maturity. Norms for the General Educational Development Examinations were established by the testing of 36,000 graduating high school seniors and more than 10,000 college freshmen and sophomores.

The High School battery of General Educational Development Examinations consists of the following tests:

1. Correctness and Effectiveness of Expression.
2. Interpretation of Reading Material in the Social Studies.
3. Interpretation of Reading Material in the Natural Sciences.
4. Interpretation of Literary Material.

5. General Mathematical Ability.
The College battery of General Educational Development Examinations consists of the following tests:

1. Correctness and Effectiveness of Expression.
2. Interpretation of Reading Material in the Social Studies.
3. Interpretation of Reading Material in the Natural Sciences.
4. Interpretation of Literary Material.
5. Algebra, Analytical Geometry, or Plane Trigonometry.

(Examinee may choose any one of the three mathematics examinations, or may omit the mathematics examinations.)

A serviceman may desire to establish the level of his educational development for:

1. Entering on Army records to establish high school standards or 1 year of college.
2. Purposes of applying for school credit from his school.
3. Establishing evidence of his educational development to present to a prospective employer who has definite educational requirements for specific positions.

A serviceman on active duty may have the test administered to him by applying at the T. I. & E. Office, Bldg. 1039. For bed patients who are interested we can arrange to have the tests administered on the ward.

Tests are available if you should need to "brush-up" on any of this subject matter.

FEEL SORRY FOR THE FISH?

The Fish don't feel sorry for you. Besides, they like the ocean the way it is! And all the hot water you can pour down the drain won't make it any warmer.



*Turn off the hot water!
Don't use more than you need!*

CONSERVATION POSTER NO. 1

OFFICE OF THE POST ENGINEER
PRESIDIO S.F.



"All work and no play, makes Joe a dull soldier." This was recognized long ago and provisions were made for serviceman recreations. Football, baseball, basketball, boxing, wrestling and other team and contact sports were sponsored by the Armed Forces. For those inclined to less strenuous forms of relaxation, the various Special Services sections have provided for golf, barnyard golf, parchesi and last, but not least, fishing.

Bait casters, fly fisherman, shrimpers, crab netters, trollers; name them; you'll find representatives of each group in the Services. Even throw-liners and trot line fishermen find their way into uniform and then find time from their duties to pursue Mississippi catfish and North-ern bullheads.

With Spring here and fresh water fishing seasons about to open, many a uniformed Izaak Walton is re-tying flies, freshening the paint on his plugs or just plain day-dreaming of that likely-looking fishing hole he plans to whip to a froth.

Fresh water finnies are not the only quarry of these rodmen. From Maine to Florida, along the Gulf Coast, and up and down the West Coast the lads in blue and olive drab are fishing for, and taking, salt water beauties. Seabass, sailfish, Spanish mackerel, lowly croakers and that pest, the stingaree, are just a few of the denizens of the briny deep who challenge man's piscatorial skill.

The Army's Special Service Division has done much to promote fishing as a soldier hobby. Special Service Officers on many posts have angling equipment at the disposal of servicemen while group fishing trips are sponsored by these officials. Down New Orleans way, the SSO features both salt and fresh water expeditions.

New Orleans is no exception in its recreational facilities, other ports and stations near fishing waters are conducting similar programs. The Fourth Army's recreational center on the Texas coast is one of those establishments now providing for such relaxation, and the New Jersey and New York shore lines will soon be dotted with servicemen casters and trollers. Deep sea and surf fishing, once the sport of the better-off angler has come to even the \$75 a month recruit.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

The number of World War II veterans enrolled in school or taking on-the-job training in the Veterans Administration Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) jumped from 12,000 to more than 200,000 in two years time.

The more than 200,000 veterans taking advantage of the educational and job-training provisions of the G.I. Bill and Public Law 16, for disabled veterans, in February of this year, represents an increase of 1,500 percent over two years ago.

This year the state of California showed the greatest increase in the nation in the number of veterans entering training and VA officials do not expect the registration of veterans in school to reach the peak until the spring of 1949.

Cost of the educational and job-training program in the Branch 12 area is roughly one million dollars a month for tuition and books and six million dollars a month for subsistence allowances, VA records reveal.

More than 2,500,000 veterans were taking G.I. Bill training in the nation's schools and job-training establishments by the end of 1947. Of the total, a record number of 2,014,821 were enrolled in educational institutions.

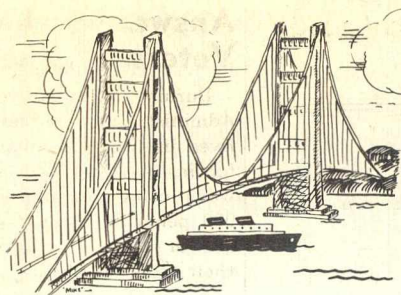
At the same time, nearly 256,000 disabled veterans were enrolled in all types of training under Public Law 16. About 147,000 of these were in schools, colleges and universities and the remaining 108,706 were training on-the-job.

Question: I have completed my job-training course and find that I still have entitlement left under the educational provisions of the G. I. Bill. Will I be permitted to go to another school for the remainder of my entitlement?

Answer: If you have entitlement time left, you may use the remainder either for job-training or for educational training with Veterans Administration prior approval.

Question: I feel my husband, a veteran of World War II, is in need of hospitalization, but he refuses to make application for medical treatment. What can Veterans Administration do in this situation?

Answer: Veterans Administration cannot force your husband or any veteran to accept hospitalization or medical treatment.



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Army Announces New Policy on Physical Re-Evaluation

A recent decision from the Comptroller General provides in effect that Army officers recalled to active duty solely for physical evaluation are not on active duty within the law so as to become entitled to active duty pay and allowances.

All officers now on active duty under such circumstances must be relieved from active duty prior to 1 May 1948. Legal study is being made of complication, if any, other than pay and allowances, and all concerned will be further advised.

The policy of ordering reserve component officers to active duty for physical evaluation in new cases has been discontinued. Under consideration is the use of invitational orders to be utilized in future cases, with such orders to be issued by the hospital at which evaluation is to be accomplished upon direction of the office of the Adjutant General, and at a time when the hospital is ready to admit the officer as a patient.

Effective immediately, officers recalled to active duty solely for physical evaluation who have not already appeared before a retiring board will not be retained on active duty following appearance before the retiring board and pending final decision by the Department on findings of the board. Such officers will be immediately relieved from active duty after appearance before the retiring board and a copy of relief orders and promotion order, if promoted, will be forwarded with board proceedings in lieu of usual elective statement for retention.

Officers recalled to active duty solely for physical evaluation who have already appeared before a retiring board and who are now being retained on active duty pending

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HERE FOR MEDICAL MEETING
Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, greets Major General George F. Lull, US Army retired, former Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, who visited Letterman this week when he was in San Francisco for the California State Medical Association annual meeting.

GENERAL LULL IS LETTERMAN VISITOR

Major General George F. Lull, US Army, retired, and former Deputy Surgeon of the Army, was a Letterman visitor on Monday and took advantage of the opportunity to meet up with old friends.

The general was in San Francisco in his present official capacity of Secretary and General Manager of the American Medical Association, and represented his organization at the annual meeting of the California State Medical Association held this

week in San Francisco.

Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, greeted the distinguished visitor on his arrival and heard General Lull repeat some highly laudable quotations from remarks made by California physicians on the residency training program now being carried on at Letterman.

General Lull was retired in 1946 after 38 years of active service in the Medical Department and assumed his present position shortly thereafter.

Capping Ceremony For 30 New Gray Ladies at LGH

Letterman's Corps of Gray Ladies now numbers more than 100, since the admission to the Corps last Friday of a class of 30 new members. The capping ceremony for the group was held at the Recreation Center, and the occasion was marked by a special program in which both members of the hospital staff and representatives of the Red Cross participated.

Following the invocation, which was delivered by Chaplain (Captain) Lester L. McCammon, assistant Post Chaplain, Mrs. Starr Bruce of the San Francisco chapter, ARC, introduced Garret McEnerney II, chapter chairman, who gave the address.

Miss Jean Wood, one of the new members of the Corps, read the pledge taken by all the Gray Ladies: "As a member of the Gray Lady Service of the San Francisco Chapter, American Red Cross, I pledge a conscientious and loyal service to the Hospital which I serve. I will hold in confidence all personal and official matters which may come to my attention, and will at all times and under all conditions conduct myself in such a manner as to honor the organization which I am permitted to serve."

Presentation of certificates to each of the 30 new members was made by Mrs. Robert C. Ogden, chairman of the Hospital and Recreation Corps, and presentation of the Corps was by Mrs. William Gray, Letterman chairman of the Gray Lady Corps. Colonel Kermit H. Gates, Executive Officer, in the absence of Colonel Dean F. Winn, commanding officer, officially accepted the new members on behalf of the hospital.

Since the Gray Ladies at Letterman no longer wear the veils, but

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Medical Service Activities Loom Large at Letterman

Letterman's Medical Service, under the direction of its Chief, Colonel Mack M. Green, MC, a veteran of 23 years of Army medical experience, will be in the spotlight next week when the American College of Physicians holds its 29th annual session in San Francisco, 19 to 23 April.

On three occasions during the week Letterman will be host to the civilian and military physicians here for the conference. Two clinics will be held here, and also a special meeting for chiefs of the medical services of Army hospitals. The Medical Service here is responsible for all arrangements and details of the clinics and the meeting.

It is expected that the American College of Physicians sessions will be attended by more than a thousand physicians from all parts of the United States. The group will include a large number of Army medical officers from Army general hospitals and from station hospitals.

At the first of the two clinics, to be held Tuesday, 20 April, four cases of "Hepatitis in Military Personnel" will be presented and discussed. At the second, on Thursday, 22 April, five "Unusual Cases" are scheduled. On Saturday, 24 April, a meeting will be held here under the auspices of the Post-Graduate Medical Extension Division of the University of California. This meeting is primarily for medical officers here for the conference, and the subject under discussion will be "Interne and Resident Training." Dr. Loren D. Chandler, Dean of Stanford Medical School, will act as moderator.

The professional staff of Letterman's Medical Service, under the leadership of Colonel Green, is composed of an assigned staff, an attending staff of civilian physicians, and a house staff of student medical officers. These student medical officers are residents and interns assigned to the service.

The Medical Service includes five sections. These are: Internal Medicine, which is divided into Male Sub-Section and Women's Sub-Section; Gastroenterology Section; Cardiology Section; Pediatrics and Contagious Diseases Section, and Dermatology and Syphilology Section.

Eleven wards at Letterman are under the Medical Service — G-1, G-2, G-3, L-1, M-1, N-2, O-2, 8, 11 40 and 43. The service has an allotment of 437 hospital beds. Ap-



Colonel MACK M. GREEN, MC
Chief of the Medical Service at Letterman

proximately 2,500 patients are admitted to the service annually, and in addition nearly 4,000 treatments are given annually to medical patients in the outpatient clinic.

Letterman is one of a limited number of Army general hospitals which has been designated as a residency training center, where medical men are prepared by special training for American Specialty Board examinations. As the largest Army hospital in the West Coast area, it is a designated center for the handling of many medical specialties. Army patients are sent here from many parts of the United States for care and treatment, and in addition the hospital is the main debarkation point for patients from the Pacific Area. In addition to military patients, it provides care and treatment for dependent wives and children of officers and enlisted men, retired service personnel and their dependents, civilian personnel evacuated from the Pacific Area, and for certain designated veteran patients of the Bay Area. Because of the large variety of types of rare and unusual diseases treated at Letterman, as well as because of its complete laboratory and medical library facilities, Letterman is highly rated among Army hospitals designated as residency training centers.

The Gastroenterology Section of the Medical Service has a capacity of 50 beds for inpatients and a well-established outpatient clinic. There are approximately 1024 admissions to the Section annually and over 600 visits are made annually to the outpatient clinic.

In the Cardiology Section, which has a capacity of 53 beds, 200 patients are admitted annually and approximately 650 outpatient visits are made. Facilities are available to carry out angiocardiology, phlebography, electrocardiography, radiography and fluoroscopy.

Within the next six weeks the Pediatric Section will be in operation with a capacity of 22 beds for children 12 years of age and under. The New-Born Section, under Pediatrics, has adequate facilities to provide care for the infants born here at Letterman.

The Communicable Diseases Section has a capacity of 37 beds. All inpatients, regardless of age, who are diagnosed or suspected of having any of the following communicable diseases, are admitted to this section: Anthrax, diphtheria, dysentery, chicken pox, cholera, encephalitis, favus, impetigo, infectious hepatitis, influenza, lymphopathic venereum, measles, meningitis, paratyphoid fever, poliomyelitis, psittacosis, puerperal sepsis, scabies, pedi-

culosis, scarlet fever, septic sore throat, syphilis, trachoma, tuberculosis, typhoid fever and whooping cough.

The equipment and facilities of the Dermatology and Syphilology Section include therapeutic X-ray, laboratory and mycology, with work in these fields being performed by the dermatologists. There are about 400 patients admitted annually to this section, and approximately 5,500 treatments are given annually in the outpatient clinic of this section. This clinic is held daily, Monday through Friday.

The Outpatient Section of the Medical Service consists of the following clinics: General Pediatric, Endocrine, Rheumatology, Cardiology, Vascular, Dermatology and Syphilology. All these clinics, with the exception of Dermatology and Syphilology, are held once each week.

Colonel Mack M. Green, the Chief of the Medical Service, has been at Letterman since October 1945. A native of Tennessee and a graduate of Vanderbilt University, he was commissioned in 1925 and during World War II spent 38 months in the European Theatre of Operations, where he served as Base Surgeon successively in Ireland, England, France, Belgium and Germany.

His service before that time included tours of duty in the Philippines and Panama, and two tours at Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver, Colorado and at William Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas.

Twelve Medical Corps officers serve under Colonel Green, forming the assigned staff of the Medical Service. They are Colonel William S. George, Lieut. Col. Wilbur C. Berry, Lieut. Col. Raymond M. Williams, Major Robert A. Kennedy, Major Walton M. Edwards, Captain Richard L. Anderegg, Captain Irving A. Friedman, Captain Theodore G. Kabza, Captain Lionel M. Bernstein, 1st Lieut. Edward J. Smith, 1st Lieut. Gerald H. Whipple, 1st Lieut. Oscar M. Wilbur, Jr. Captain William H. Kilborn, MSC, is administrative assistant to the chief of the service.

The attending staff of civilian physicians for the Medical Service number 15, all of whom are faculty members of the University of California or Stanford University Medical School. The Medical Service resident staff at present numbers ten.

Medical Corps Officers Assigned to LGH Medical Service



WILLIAM S. GEORGE
Colonel, MC
Assistant Chief



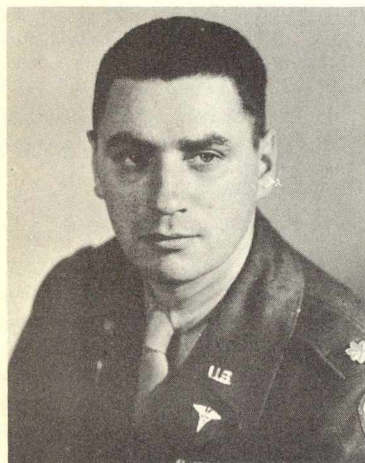
WILBUR C. BERRY
Lieut. Col., MC
Chief, Officers Section



RAYMOND M. WILLIAMS
Lieut. Col., MC
Chief, Dermatology Section



ROBERT A. KENNEDY
Major, MC
Assistant Chief



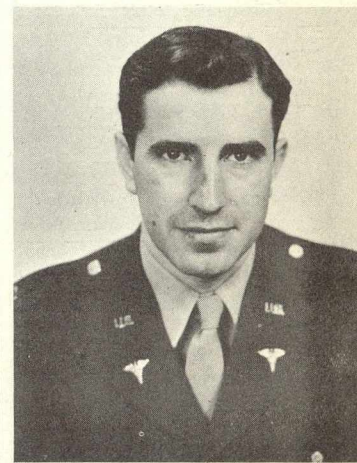
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Major, MC
Chief, Pediatric Section



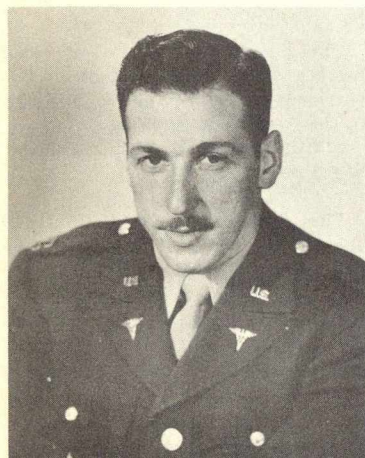
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Captain, MC
Ward Officer, L-1



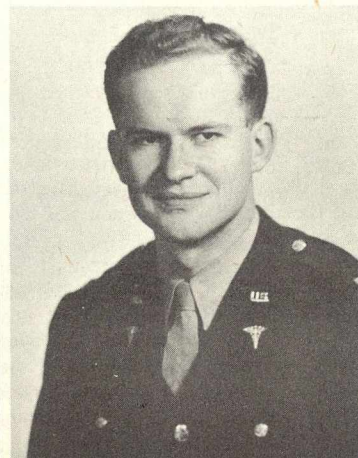
IRVING A. FRIEDMAN
Captain, MC
Ward Officer, M-1



THEODORE G. KABZA
Captain, MC
Assistant Ward Officer, G-1



LIONEL M. BERNSTEIN
Captain, MC
Assistant Ward Officer, G-1



GERALD H. WHIPPLE
First Lieut., MC
Assistant Ward Officer, N-2



EDWARD J. SMITH
First Lieut., MC
Chief, Cardiovascular Section



OSCAR M. WILBUR, JR.
First Lieut., MC
Ward Officer, Ward 40

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EDITORIAL

SECURITY BONDS

How old will you be ten years from now? Think you'll be able to use a little extra cash every month? Then read on. This isn't a new story, but it's still a good one. It's the story of U. S. Security Bonds, one of the few things we can buy that haven't gone up in price lately.

A bond that will be worth \$25 in ten years still costs \$18.75, which means that you still get \$4 back for every \$3 invested.

About that extra cash every month—if you buy a bond a month now for \$18.75, you'll have a regular income of \$25 coming in every month ten years from now. If you can buy a bond a month for \$37.50, you get \$50 a month on maturity.

There are two ways to buy Security Bonds, for cash or by means of payroll deductions. No doubt about it, human nature being what it is, the payroll savings plan is more effective because it's painless.

You say to yourself, "Well, I don't want to start that payroll savings, I might need the money for something. I'll buy a bond a month for cash." So comes payday, and you just have so many places to put your money that you decide to wait till next payday. Next payday it's the same old story.

But if you can talk yourself into the payroll savings plan, get over that initial hurdle, ev-



Welcome to a newcomer to the Letterman scene: First Lieut. Ellen J. Chandler, ANC, who has recently returned from overseas duty in Giesen, Germany, where she served with the 380th Station Hospital.

That pogo stick we mentioned as being the object of admiration and practice jumps last week in Physical Therapy Section was credited to the wrong owner. It really belongs to Beverly Field.

Captain Ruth Christiansen, ANC, of the X-ray Laboratory, is leaving today for a 21-day vacation which she plans to spend with her sister in Tipton, Iowa. She will make the trip East by train, on the "City of San Francisco."

First Lieutenant Charlotte M. Higgins of the dietitians staff received her discharge last week. She plans to enjoy a leisurely vacation now that she is a civilian again.

First Lieutenant Helen Beck, ANC, began a 20-day leave this week which she intends to spend here in San Francisco and in Modesto.

Three members of the Army Nurse Corps staff returned to civilian life again this week, and all three intend to go back to college. They are First Lieutenants Helen Sutliff, Ada Hagan and Gladine Freedline.

First Lieutenant Leah Crawford of Physical Therapy covered a lot of territory between Sunday and Wednesday of this week. She made the trip by air, and spent a little time in Washington, D. C., and in Philadelphia.

First Lieutenant Doris Ellison, ANC, is enjoying a 21-day leave at her home in Litchville, North Da.

everything's easy. You don't miss the money because you don't ever have it. Then the bonds start piling up, and it's a mighty satisfactory feeling to know that you're successfully saving. Because everybody has the inclination to save—only not everybody is successful at it. Just change that "inclination" into "determination" and you're all set.

WAC

A letter from Captain Alice Dahnke, formerly of Letterman, and now on duty in Wurzburg, Germany, tells about a recent leave she enjoyed in Paris and London. She has also visited Switzerland since she has been overseas, and recently made a trip to Bad-Tolz on courier duty.

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Beauticians Kathleen Kelly and Janice Deming overlooked getting neutralizer for "Schatzi" Meredith's new permanent. But after all, the worry they went through was unnecessary—the results are beautiful.

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And Jean Marsland is an expert stylist, it seems. Ellie Eaton, Wanda Collins and Lucy Sellers, who are much pleased with their new haircuts, can vouch for her aptitude.

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Lights went out promptly at 2200 hours in barracks 214 the other evening. The girls needed the proper dark and mysterious atmosphere in which to listen to the "Inner Sanctum" mystery broadcast.

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After a three-day visit here with Ethel Stepp, her daughter left for home in Long Beach, California.

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Blanche Tremblay and Helen Brown thoroughly enjoyed their trip in "Becky" last Sunday. They went to Russian River, and yes, "Becky" is a car.

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Her friends here have just received word that former WAC Vivian Barneke recently became the bride of S/Sgt. Ralph Bosca of Fort Ord.

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Carolyn Wirt went to Los Angeles by air on a recent three-day pass, and also stopped at Marysville for the Centennial Day parade and the '49ers dance.

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The members of the newly-formed WAC softball team are getting lots of good luck wishes for the season's play. On the team are Ellie Eaton, Norma Underhill, Esther Hart, Minnie Young, Betty Wugan, Jean Marsland, Marilouise Damm, Clara Queen, Betty Miller, Lucy Sellers, Kitty Kelly and Chris McConnell.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 18 April, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Legion of Merit

Colonel Rusel H. Patterson, former Chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman, and later holding the same staff position at Bushnell General Hospital, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding performance of duty while on active service during the war.

Dr. Patterson is now a resident of New York, where he has an extensive surgical practice.

Thanks

The Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Raymond W. Bliss, has written a letter to the commanding officer, Colonel Dean F. Winn, to thank the officers of the Medical Department for their liberal contributions toward making possible funds for a bust of Walter Reed.

The bust is now nearing completion, and a ceremony of dedication and placing it in the Hall of Fame will take place in New York on 20 May 1948.

The Director of the Hall of Fame has cordially invited Medical Department officers who contributed to the fund to attend this ceremony.

WAC Softball

The Letterman WAC Softball Team tucked the first game of the season under their belts Wednesday night with a shut-out game against the Presidio WACs. Behind the one-hit pitching of Capt. Minnie Young, and a good display of hitting at opportune moments, the home team defeated their opponents 4-0.

Monday, 19 April at 1800, the LGH WACs will again play the Presidio team at Julius Kahn Playground, Presidio.

WAC OF THE WEEK



DOROTHY E. DREGER
Technician Fourth Grade

Every time she had a change of station during her more than three years in the WAC, T/4 Dorothy Dreger requested that she be sent to Letterman. Nothing came of it until she left Percy Jones in January, and that time she didn't have an opportunity to renew her request, but she was sent here, much to her surprise and pleasure.

She is assigned to Occupational Therapy on ward S-1, where she teaches ceramics and crafts in general. Dorothy was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but for the past ten years she has made her home in Miami, Florida, and though she finds that she likes California very much, Florida is still her favorite place to live.

Before she entered the Army Dorothy was an accountant. She is a graduate of the Wilcox College of Commerce in Cleveland, and she took post-graduate work at the John Huntington Institute of Polytechnology. While in Florida she was cost accountant for the Navy Department, and she also worked as an accountant in Cleveland.

She joined the WAC in November 1944, and had basic at Fort Oglethorpe, and medical technicians' training at Wakeman General Hospital in Indiana. She then returned to Oglethorpe and remained as instructor in the medical technicians' training course until the training center there closed in July 1945. Camp Croft, South Carolina, was her next assignment, and she also served at Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Pratt General Hospital in Miami and Percy Jones before coming to LGH.

Dorothy enjoys movies and the theatre—particularly musical comedies, has photography as one of her hobbies, and has been seeing as much of California as possible since

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Jack Dempsey of ward E-2 has been walking in his sleep lately. Just the other night he went around to several of his wardmates and asked them if they had anything concealed under their pillows and then calmly walked back to his bed. His wardmates state that he was asleep all the time and he remembers nothing about it, so it could be.

Thomas Jilbert of ward F-1 is a Merchant Marine Veteran and like most navy men plays checkers quite well. Ever since Thomas first came to Letterman he has been trying to find a checker player who plays well enough to give him some competition. Anyone who thinks that he plays pretty well is welcome to go to ward F-1 and compete with him.

Arthur Loy, who is on ward C-2, has his mind occupied with only one thing. He dreams constantly of the trip he is going to make just as soon as he is discharged. Arthur, accompanied by his wife and mother-in-law, plans to make a complete tour of the United States.

"Chuck" Dumas, of ward E-2, is very careful to let none of his women visitors go near the bed of Art Ratliff for fear that he (Art) will win them away from him.

Bruce Olsen, who has been on ward F-1, has finally managed to wrangle that transfer to the Birmingham Veterans Hospital in Southern California. But why should he want to leave San Francisco to go to Southern California?

"Mama," the gas station cat who is always hanging around the O.T. shop, has just adopted three kittens. Not very long ago "Mama" had two kittens of her own, but one of them was given away as soon as its eyes were open; so the other day when a stray cat abandoned her litter of three, they were given into the custody of "Mama."

Mike Zahara, who is on ward M-2 has been devoting quite a bit of his time to dancing lessons. The boys are all wondering if it is because he likes to dance or if it has

she arrived here. After she receives her discharge, which will be in June, she plans to return to Miami and go into the real estate business.

something to do with his instructor.

Ever since the dog show the other day, Harry Dryden, of ward 42 has not been seen alone. He is accompanied everywhere by 'Smoky.' 'Smoky' is the pedigreed collie which Harry won at the Dog Show.

Almost everyone on ward D-2 has been madly (according to O.T. personnel) making place mats. All are wondering what the hurry is and why so many are being made.

Maurice Burns of ward E-2 is sending out an S.O.S. for someone who has a knowledge of knitting. Maurice has started to knit a sweater and cannot find anyone who knows enough about knitting to give him a few pointers.

Maurice Crouch of ward B-2 is making a very beautiful rug. It has a maroon background and has yellow and white flowers in the center. The rug was designed by Tony LaSalvia, also of ward B-2.

Alvah Paine of ward E-2 seems to have a very full bedside schedule. There is always someone at his bedside. Lieut. Lindow of the O.T. Shop says that every time she goes to see him there is always someone there competing for Alvah's attention.

Howard Smith of ward K-3 is engaged at present in the making of a cabinet type rifle rack with glass doors. This is the first time that anything of this type has been made in the O.T. Shop.

Gaylord Wagnor of ward 42 is presently engaged in making a woman's leather handbag. Wonder who the lucky woman is?

Noah Rutherford of ward E-2 has been keeping himself (and the O.T. Shop) quite busy with the making of silver gimp bracelets. Anyone who wants a bracelet of this type has merely to tell Rutherford and he will place their name on his list. Incidentally, he is very good at making them.

Mess Sgt.: "What are you looking for?"

K.P.: "I just rinsed the ice in this warm water and now I can't find it."

"How long have you been working in this office?"

"Ever since I saw you coming down the hall."

ON THE SPOT



RUSSELL F. COX
Technical Sergeant

T/Sgt. Russell F. Cox, chief clerk of Letterman's Publications Section, is now on his third tour of duty at Letterman. Being assigned to LGH is becoming a habit with him, but it's a habit he doesn't want to break.

He has been in the Army since 1939, and after entering the service at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, he was sent here for basic training, and was then assigned to Detachment Supply. He remained on this job until May 1943, when he was transferred across the Bay to the Station Hospital in Oakland. There he was in charge of Unit Supply.

A year later he went to Camp Ellis, Illinois, to be processed for overseas duty, but he was turned down because of physical disability. He was then sent back to Letterman, and this time his work was in the Detachment of Patients office. In April of 1945 he was given another assignment, that of supply sergeant for the Prisoner of War unit then at Letterman.

The following January Russell received his discharge. Shortly afterward he re-enlisted, and after a 90-day furlough, he reported to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for assignment. By this time it was no surprise to him to be sent back to Letterman. He was on duty in Medical Supply for nearly six months, and was then assigned to his present job as chief clerk of Publications Section.

Russell was born in Elsbery, Missouri, and attended high school there. He played basketball on the Elsbery High team for three years. He is interested in all types of sports. With nearly half of that first 20 years behind him, he plans to stay in the Army and make it his career.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Thomas Poole of Grounds and Maintenance office has just returned from a trip East during which he visited members of his family in his native state of New Jersey, in New York and in Michigan. He timed the trip so he would be home for the celebration of his mother's 87th birthday.

Henry Cleary and Hope Bean want it understood that they are not brother and sister—they are not relatives at all.

Phyllis Solm of Military Personnel and her husband are busy with painting chores these days—changing their kitchen color scheme from red and white to blue and yellow.

Sorry about a typographical error which resulted in the misspelling of a name last week in the list of Letterman newcomers. The correct name of the newest addition to the office staff of N-P Service is Shizuko Takahashi.

A welcome goes this week to two more recent additions to the Letterman ranks: Maria Koeber of Surgical Service and Janice Ladd of Outpatient Service.

Gloria Crisafulli and her husband ate rabbit last week for the first time—for either of them—and they really enjoyed it. Gloria's husband was the chef for the occasion.

Bill O'Brien, Records administrator, is back at his desk this week after a week's absence due to a sinus infection.

When Evelyn Schumacher of Civilian Personnel tells you about the dental work for a seven-month-old baby (two teeth pulled), don't be misled. The victim was one of her two dachshund pups. Both of the dogs have won prizes at dog shows, and Evelyn deserves a personal prize for the way she tells her story about the two teeth.

Myrtle Kirby recently transferred from Officers' Pay Section, and is now on duty in the Control Office.

Congratulations to Lillian Taylor of the Registrar's office, who celebrated a birthday this week—on 14 April—and sported a fragrant gardenia with very decorative effect.

Andrew Bonaly of Surgical Service made a lucky win this week—we're not saying how—but it wasn't on the horses, nor at cards. It was an unexpected, but a pleasant, surprise.

ODS BLOOD! BUT 'TIS A PLEASURE TO GIVE IT IN OUR LABORATORY



Miss MARY ELLEN BIELEFELDT
Medical technician in the clinical laboratory

In days of old when knights were bold they fought for maidens fair, they shed their blood mid hoofbeats thud and never took a dare. But that was in the days of old and with the passing of the horse the modern man still gives up his blood willingly but without a thought of strife.

It happens here every day and the explanation of the spontaneous donations is the presence of Mary Ellen Bielefeldt in the role of medical technician in our clinical laboratory. Hers is the job of extracting blood for the various clinical purposes and she does it almost painlessly under the anesthetic effect of one glance from her blue eyes. Said eyes being topped with blonde hair in no way complicates the results on the patients.

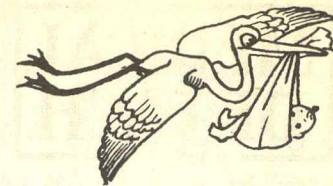
Mary Ellen is a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and even if the town never had a football team it would still be widely known as her birthplace. After finishing at the local high school this young lady went to Lawrence College for a year before

moving over to the University of Minnesota where she majored in medical technology and graduated with the class of 1946.

There were brief periods on the staff of Bellin Hospital in Green Bay and Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee before she yielded to the common urge to seek fame and fortune in California. San Francisco was her first choice in the golden state and Letterman Hospital her goal. The fates arranged for a vacancy in her specialty at the very moment of application and Mary Ellen became one of our assets.

Laboratory technicians are noted for early rising; it goes with the job. Asking a man to give up his blood at the break of dawn requires a very special personality and nature has endowed Mary Ellen with what it takes.

If you do not believe us—take one look at Mary Ellen pictured above if you have not done so already—but we'll bet you did long before you reached the end of this column.



To Captain and Mrs. Charles R. Mathews, a girl, **Carolyn**, born 5 April.

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To Corporal and Mrs. Joseph Drummer, a girl, **Beverly Ann**, born 6 April.

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To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Kenneth Utley, a girl, **Barbara Elaine**, born 6 April.

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To Sergeant and Mrs. Robert Yamamoto, a boy, **Michael Osamu**, born 6 April.

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To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Lewis E. Dellinger, a boy, **Roy Lee**, born 8 April.

MORE ABOUT RE-EVALUATION

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final decision by the Department on findings of the board will be relieved from active duty at the earliest practicable date prior to 1 May 1948.

In the cases of officers recalled to active duty solely for physical evaluation, recommendations for a period of deferment with subsequent reevaluation by disposition and retiring boards, or by direction of the Adjutant General's office after reviewing retiring board proceedings, will not act to retain such officers on active duty for the period of deferment.

All officers recalled to active duty solely for physical evaluation who are now in a period of deferment awaiting subsequent evaluation will be relieved from active duty at the earliest practicable date prior to 1 May 1948.

These rulings pertain only to officers recalled to active duty solely for physical evaluation, and they are required in view of the Comptroller General's decision which precludes active duty pay and allowances for officers in such a status. So far as is possible, separations as the result of this policy will be accomplished with a minimum of inconvenience to the officer concerned.

MEDICAL DETACH

Roland Harlow of the 9956 felt rather embarrassed the other day when, while trying to show his prowess in tennis to two members of the fair sex, he hit himself in the forehead with the tennis racket.

The items in last week's Foghorn concerning Ellis McDiffett stated that he was the most distinguished man in the 9956 because of his new pipe. The word distinguished should have been di-stink-uished.

Harry P. Doyle, of the 9956 seems to be the person who is on the receiving end of all the jokes which are played in barracks 562. Last Tuesday he was plagued by his bunk-mates from the time he finished work until he went to bed. Some of the more annoying jokes which were played on him were: "short-sheeting him, tying some of his clothes in knots, placing his foot-locker on top of his wall-locker and finally placing his wall-locker on top of his foot-locker. Harry has threatened to move out of the barracks if this does not cease!

James Horton, the Master Sergeant who has been giving orientation for the past few weeks, has decided to take a rest for himself. He is taking a 12-day furlough, and plans to spend most of his time in southern California visiting relatives and having fun. I don't see why he thinks that he can have more fun there than here. Could be the difference in the weather?

The quartet of George Margheim, LeRoy Hessler, Ellis McDiffett, and H. Pat Doyle seem to have difficulty hearing the C.Q.'s whistle in the morning. Every morning, both Tony Tangorra and Al Dorn have to make several trips to their (the quartets) bunks to wake them up. The most difficult to wake, says Dorn, is LeRoy Hessler. The only way in which he can be aroused is to bounce his bed up and down a few times.

Arnold Hass has already achieved a bad case of sun burn. If you see him in the hall don't rush up and pat him on the back.

One-armed drivers are nearly always headed down the aisle of a church. Some will be led . . . others will be carried.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON THE MEDICAL SERVICE HAS REAL JOB



Captain WILLIAM H. KILBORN, MSC
Administrative Assistant, LGH Medical Service

Down through the years whenever we ran across the name of that famed Idaho town — Cour d'Alene—(our French being what it is) we planned one day to look up the derivation. That plan only came to fruition when we were chatting with Captain William H. Kilborn, MSC, the administrative assistant to the Chief of the Medical Service, who is a native of that town. He says the name was given to the place by an Indian tribal chief as a characterization of the local trader's heart, and it means "awl-heart." Those traders drove sharp bargains with the Indians. Whether that propensity still exists deponent sayeth not.

At the moment with the American College of Physicians about to hold their annual conclave in San Francisco, the medical service of this hospital is brought into sharp focus, and in that field the administrative function is second only to the professional aspect. The officer who is charged with supervision of the administrative phase of the Medical Service is Captain William H.

Kilborn, who brings extensive experience to play in the performance of his duties.

The captain enlisted in the army in October 1942 and received his commission at OCS at Camp Barkeley in July 1943. His service brought him to Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, and he went ashore at Leyte in October 1944 with the 165th Station Hospital unit. He stayed in the Philippines for a year before coming back to the regional hospital at Camp Bowie, Texas, and then to assignment at Bruns General Hospital. With the closing of that hospital he was transferred to Letterman and has been here since December 1946. After a brief tour with the Hospital Train Unit he was assigned as administrative assistant—his present job.

Captain Kilborn is the father of two sons, Bill, 11, and Bobby 7, and Mrs. Kilborn is the former Jeanette Earin, also a native of Cour d'Alene.

And now we know the captain and we know what Cour d'Alene means.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

John R. Carlin, Ruby M. James Jr., Bobby C. Sullivan, Leonard A. Olivitch, and Claude O. Winters, have been promoted to Private First Class. Congratulations, men.

Tech. Sgt. Arthur D. Ainley, and T/4 James A. Fortner have been detailed to accompany a patient to a VA Hospital in Northport, Long Island, New York. On completion of the assignment T/4 Fortner will return to the Hospital Train Section, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, which is his home station.

T/5 Howard P. Padgett, has also been detailed to accompany a patient to a VA Hospital in Topeka, Kansas. T/5 Padgett will be able to take advantage of a five day delay on his return journey.

Tech. Sergeant Warren Kernop is presently busy bringing order out of confusion, and from observation of the Record Section this is some job. Tech Sgt. Kernop is binding the orders for the last three years.

Rain was responsible for the small attendance at the NCO Club dance last Saturday night, according to Master Sergeant Fay Caspersen of the entertainment committee. Here is hoping for better weather on the next dance night.

When Pfc. Rolland B. Soder Jr. says red, he means red. Note the red—and we mean red—shirt he has been wearing about the city of late.

The Unit Supply room has developed the 'New Look' since Tech. Sgt. Charles L. Barnes has taken over. Guess the Sergeant wants to keep a weather eye on the situation. T/5 Melvin J. (Shorty) Brighton, claims the counters are too high in the Unit Supply, or maybe it is the floor is too low. How about that?

Numerous members of the HTU Detachment have been noted checking their uniforms in the new mirror at the door of the 1st Sergeant's office. It is better to check with the mirror, than to be 'checked' by the 1st Sergeant. And who doesn't agree?

The Army Day participation of HTU drew much favorable comment from all visitors. Nearly 1000 visitors were personally conducted through the Hospital cars.

Five Lucky LGH Patients Win Pedigreed Pups

Five Letterman patients won pedigreed puppies last Sunday at the Puppy Match held at Letterman and sponsored by the Doberman Pinscher Club of Northern California. Also participating in the show were the Chow Club of the San Francisco Bay Region, the Collie Club of Northern California, the Schnauzer Club of Northern California and the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California.

Mrs. Dean F. Winn, wife of Letterman's commanding officer, drew the names of the lucky patients who won pups. The prize winners were: Staff Sergeant Sherman Thomas, ward K-2; Pfc. Olin E. Johnson, ward 43; Pfc. Charles A. Park, ward 3; Pfc. Harry Dryden, ward 42; Pvt. Thomas Golson, ward 42.

More than 100 dogs were shown, and more than 1000 spectators were on hand to witness the match. B. B. Berman acted as master of ceremonies for the show.

MORE ABOUT GREY LADIES

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only the cap, with their uniforms, the new members had a "new look" after their capping ceremony. Those who were admitted to the Corps last Friday are: Therese Abadie, Maynerine Baker, Betty Blackledge, Harriet Brown, Jean Caubu, Margaret Cooper, Mae Curl, Dorothy Cutting, Eve Eldred, Dorothy Feld, Claire Healey, Wilma Hutchinson, Kathleen Keating, Erna Lamson, Patricia MacCaughy, Mary McIntyre, Nancy Miller, Ann Prince Preston, Dorothy Race, Minnie Rath, Joan Smith, Cynthia Stafford, Barbara Stoff, Marie Stueh-meyer, Opha Thompson, Pearl Weiss, Carol Wilkin, Ann Winkleman, Wilma Winkler and Jean Wood.

We do not need more national development, we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more spiritual power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character. We do not need more law, we need more religion. We do not need more of the things that are seen, we need more of the things that are unseen.—Calvin Coolidge.

Letterman Keglers Activities

Results of games bowled Wednesday evening, 14 April 1948:

TEAM	1st Game	2d Game	3d Game
Administration Building	696	703	739
Physical Medicine	728	712	692
Band	602	695	755
Detachment 9956	738	753	852
Supply Division	693	623	842
Convalescent Services	798	863	866
Operating Room	738	718	761
Hospital Mess	699	798	742

Letterman Wednesday Night Bowling League standings as of 15 April:

TEAM	Games	Won	Lost
Administration Building	33	19	14
Supply Division	33	18	15
Band	33	18	15
Hosp. Mess Adm.	33	16	17
Convalescent Services	33	16	17
Detachment 9956	33	16	17
Operating Room	33	15	18
Physical Medicine	33	14	19

Letterman Wednesday Night Bowling League individual averages as of 12 April:

NAMES	Games	Total Pins	Average
T/Sgt. Charles Wilcox	24	4285	179
S/Sgt. Walter Yohe	30	5254	175
1st Lt. Oliver Rajala	24	4102	171
T/4 Kenneth Bates	30	4936	165
T/5 Dale White	20	3238	162
Pfc Robert Clark	30	4804	160
Sgt. Anthony Gacoich	24	3828	160
S/Sgt. Leslie Harvey	21	3368	160
S/Sgt. Walter Crapo	27	4301	159
M/Sgt. John Law	30	4721	157
Major Edward Shannon	24	3671	153
M/Sgt. William Muhic	27	4105	152
T/5 Donald White	6	907	151
1st Lt. Arthur Gonbosh	27	4064	151
Lt. Col. Ralph Graham	30	4484	149
M/Sgt. Charles Doze	30	4482	149
Capt. Wayland Turner	30	4468	149
Pfc. Michael Bauer	30	4473	149
1st Lt. Raimon Lehman	20	2952	148
S/Sgt. Clarence Holt	27	3981	147
Lt. Col. William Beswick	18	2567	143
M/Sgt. Harold Dixon	24	3421	143
M/Sgt. John Wilhite	27	3859	143
M/Sgt. George Pennington	18	2542	141
Pfc. William Maxwell	24	3373	141
T/5 Edward Lopez	21	2924	139
T/5 Oscar Hood	21	2912	139
Capt. Lester Vanderburg	21	2894	138
Capt. Anthony Mastrolia	30	3826	137
Capt. Charles Branthayer	6	823	137
Pvt. Carroll Schneider	6	823	137
Capt. Russell Lyons	21	2867	137
Pfc Frank Sehlhorst	27	3660	136
T/5 Roger Lesperance	30	4045	135
Capt. Charles Adcock	7	936	134
M/Sgt. John Young	24	3199	133
T/4 Lloyd Woodbury	30	4002	133
T/5 William Sheller	24	3191	133
T/5 Severs Einum	18	2376	132
Pfc Julius Engel	3	390	130
Capt. Henry Bailey	15	1946	129
T/5 John Mumma	9	1130	126
T/5 Jack Walker	27	3413	126
T/5 David McGehee	21	2592	123

Answering the Veterans' Queries

During the past year Veterans Administration Contact Representatives in the Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) conducted more than 1,658,000 personal interviews with veterans or their dependents regarding their federal benefits.

More than 6,500 interviews were conducted each business day by Contact Representatives. Contact men operated out of 57 offices, ranging in size from the large regional offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles to one-man contact offices. Itinerant services in the three states and Hawaii reached isolated veterans in small farming and mining communities in the mountains and desert and on small islands.

In addition, the contact men in the Branch 12 area handled 991,000 telephone calls and wrote 386,000 letters in their efforts to aid veterans in claiming their benefits.

During the more than 1,658,000 personal interviews the contact representatives filled out more than 565,000 applications for benefits for veterans and dependents.

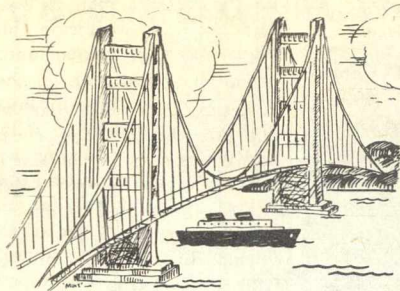
In the country as a whole, the Contact Service conducted more than 20 million personal interviews, filled out six and a third million applications, made more than nine million telephone calls and wrote nearly four and a half million letters.

Question: When I was discharged from the Army two years ago, I was advised by Veterans Administration to enter job-training under Public Law 16. Due to conditions beyond my control, I was unable to enter training at that time. Is it possible for me to enter training now?

Answer: In all probability, you can enter training now, but you should contact your nearest Veterans Administration office where your first advisement will be re-evaluated for you.

Question: I dropped my \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance term policy and later reinstated only \$5,000 of it. Is it possible for me to reinstate the other \$5,000 at this late date?

Answer: Yes. You have until July 31, 1948, to reinstate without physical examination if you certify that your health is as good as when the policy lapsed. You need pay only two monthly premiums.



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Letterman Staff Plays Active Part In ACP Convention

During the current week San Francisco has played host to the 29th annual convention of the American College of Physicians with some twenty five hundred of the nation's top flight doctors gathered in the Civic Auditorium. The army was well represented both by active and retired medical officers.

The honor of delivering one of the opening speeches was held by Brigadier General James S. Simmons, US Army, retired, former Chief of the Preventive Medicine section, Office of the Surgeon General, and present dean of the Harvard School of Public Health. He spoke on a co-ordinated public health program and stressed the necessity for improvement in teaching in medicine and public health, stimulation of medical research, and development of a sound program for the education of the public in the principles of health.

On Tuesday morning in the Recreation Center auditorium Colonel Mack M. Green, Chief of the Letterman Medical Service, presided at a clinic on "Hepatitis in Military Personnel" with the presentation of three cases and a round table discussion following. The auditorium was well filled for the occasion.

On Wednesday afternoon in the Assembly Hall Dr. Karl Menninger addressed the officers of the Neuropsychiatric Service in amplification of his prior address to the convention on Monday. Dr. Menninger is the Director of Winter General Hospital in Topeka, Kansas, a facility of the Veterans Administration.

On Wednesday evening at the Fairmont Hotel fellowships in the American College of Physicians were awarded to Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, Chief of the Outpatient Service, and to Colonel Emmett B.



Colonel LEONARD N. SWANSON, MC
Chief of the Out-Patient Service
elected to a fellowship in the American College of Physicians at the convention held in San Francisco this week.

Litteral, Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service, at Letterman. Colonel James L. Taylor, assistant chief of the Medical Service at Walter Reed General Hospital was also honored with a similar award on the same occasion.

On Thursday morning there was a second clinic held in the Letterman auditorium with the presentation of "Five Unusual Cases" under the leadership of Colonel William

S. George, assistant chief of the Medical Service at this hospital. This clinic was also well attended by the visiting medical men as well as by officers of the Medical Corps serving in the bay area.

The chiefs of the medical services from all the army general hospitals, officers from the staff of the Surgeon General, and other installations were in attendance at the convention as the official repre-

Government Starts Drive to Make Trophies Safe

(AFPS) — The Government is sponsoring a campaign to make the public safe from potentially dangerous war souvenirs.

It points out the numerous instances in which children and adults have been maimed or killed by the unexpected explosion of the grenade brother Johnny brought home as a souvenir of the African campaigns, or the Luger pistol that's been lying on the dresser for months and might not be loaded—but then again might be.

The campaign will be administered by the Treasury's Alcoholic Tax Unit for the sake of convenience, since this Government agency has offices in every state. The Armed Services and civilian police will cooperate.

Persons who possess war trophies may have them checked free of charge by writing the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, an Alcohol Tax office, or the nearest police station or sheriff's office.

The Government urges trophy owners not to take chances. Even souvenirs of World War I are still exploding occasionally.

Some types of souvenir weapons must be registered with the Alcohol Tax Unit, under existing law. These are: machineguns; shotguns or rifles with barrels less than 18 inches long; any firearm which could be concealed on the person except pistol or revolver; a muffler or silencer for any weapon.

representatives of the medical service of the army and the air forces.

A special meeting of the visiting medical military surgeons is to be held this morning at Letterman, under the auspices of the post graduate

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Army Says Mass Hysteria Need Not Follow A - Bomb Burst

If an atom bomb should fall on an American city, the population would be faced with the greatest emergency in its history. But, it is by no means true that the entire population would be wiped out, nor is it true that nothing could be done to help the survivors, according to Army Medical Corps officers who are conducting continuous study of the problem.

There is no presently known method of protecting those in the immediate neighborhood of an atomic bomb when it explodes. Nevertheless, since the Los Alamos experiment opened the Atomic Age, a great deal has been learned about mitigating the secondary effects of ionizing radiation and about protecting survivors who have received less than a lethal dose.

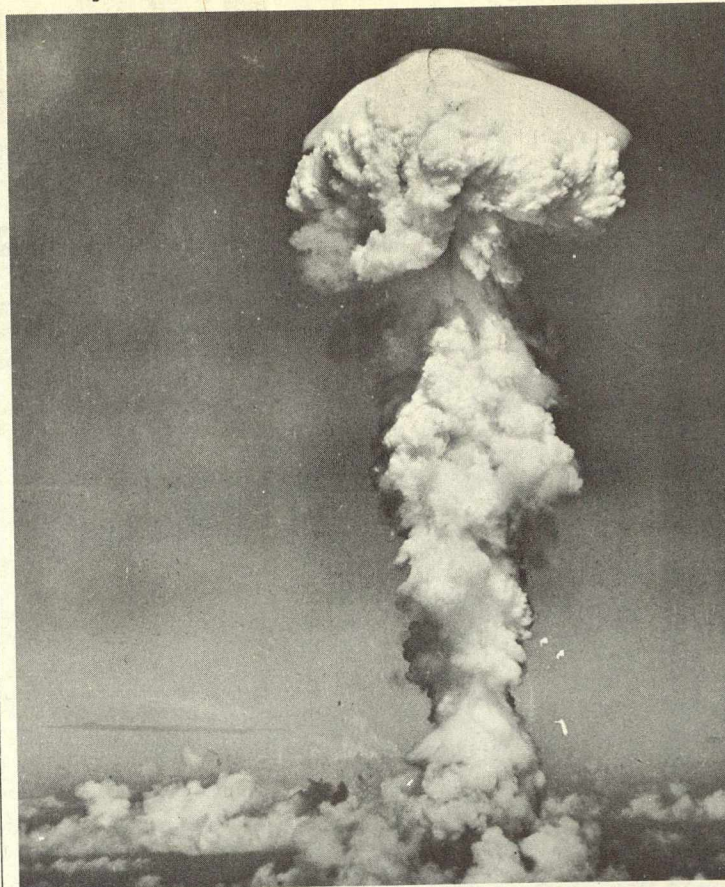
Many lives may be saved by widespread knowledge of therapeutic measures among physicians, and many more by a general understanding preventive measures which can be taken by the general population.

In a talk made at the Pennsylvania University Hospital, Philadelphia, Col. James P. Cooney of the Army Medical Corps stressed the question of civilian morale. "Mr. and Mrs. America have been so frightened by the information they have received to date, that if a bomb were dropped on one of our cities tomorrow, mass hysteria would probably cause the unnecessary loss of many lives," Colonel Cooney said. "Mr. and Mrs. America have always been ready and willing to do what must be done in an emergency, and will, if properly instructed beforehand, do the right thing under this new kind of stress."

The real difference between ordinary high explosives and atom bombs is the enormous amount of radiant energy produced by the latter—energy covering the whole range of wave lengths from heat waves to million-volt gamma waves.

The radiant energy may be divided into two types: ionizing and non-ionizing. The most important type of injury noted in Hiroshima and Nagasaki was, of course, that due to the ionizing component of the radiant energy from the bomb. Four known kinds of penetrating radiation can be expected within the immediate area of the blast. They are:

First, gamma radiation, which is



THIS COSMIC CAULIFLOWER occurred at Bikini as the giant Radioactive cloud billowed skyward when the atom bomb was dropped on the 73-ship "Guinea Pig" fleet anchored in the lagoon during the first atomic tests conducted by the Army and Navy. This aerial photograph snapped by a Navy bomber flying just out of the range of the deadly explosion was one of the first pictures to reach the United States following the first tests held in 1946. The photo was taken within a few minutes after the blast. Half the ships in the lagoon were either damaged or sunk.

essentially the same as x-ray. In an atom bomb explosion, however, these are 200,000,000 volt x-rays. They are lethal to anyone within roughly a mile of the blast, do serious damage to those as close as a mile-and-a-half, but their range is limited to approximately two miles. They move with the speed of light and most of them are produced at the instant of explosion.

Second, neutron beams, streams of heavy atomic particles shot out in all directions within a millionth of a second of the explosion. They have slightly less range than gamma rays. Both gamma rays and neutron beams passing through matter such as blood, bone or flesh, produce extensive ionization of the atoms which make up body cells, which

results in the breakdown of chemical bonds, causing profound alterations in cellular function. The fact that some kinds of cells, such as certain types of cancer cells, are affected more easily than others is the basis of radiation therapy. Whatever damage is done in this way is instantaneous, although observable symptoms may not appear for some time.

Neutron beams, however, have another effect, new in medical science. Neutrons are captured in elements contained in human cells, producing new elements which are themselves radioactive, and may remain for a long time.

Third, are beta rays, streams of electrons which rarely penetrate the skin and whose effects will be found

chiefly on the surface; and,

Fourth, are alpha particles, the nuclei of helium atoms, which do not get through the cornified, or horny tissue, layer of the skin. Because of their low penetrating power, it is not likely that either the beta rays or the alpha particles resulting directly from the explosion will cause fatal injury.

It must be admitted, Army doctors say, that there is not much even a medical man can do about the immediate radiation from an atom bomb explosion. But in such an eventuality the immediate requirement will be for rescue work on a large scale and treatment for fractures, contusions, lacerations and burns. Here physicians and laymen will be on familiar ground. These kinds of injuries are the same whether produced by an atom bomb or a block buster; they involve no new principles.

Also, some aid may be given to victims of many sorts of secondary radiation dust spread by the explosion, radioactivity caused by neutron captured by atoms, or radioactive spray if the bomb is dropped in water. Against this secondary radiation, various safeguards can be provided, and it is essential that physicians be trained in safety measures. Army, Navy and Atomic Energy Commission scientists, as well as civilians interested in radiation therapy, are hard at work on the problem and substantial progress is being made. One important line of research is the efficacy of blood transfusions, since it has been established that one of the most serious effects of radiation is damage to the blood-forming elements such as the bone marrow. A person fished over until normal function is resumed may be saved.

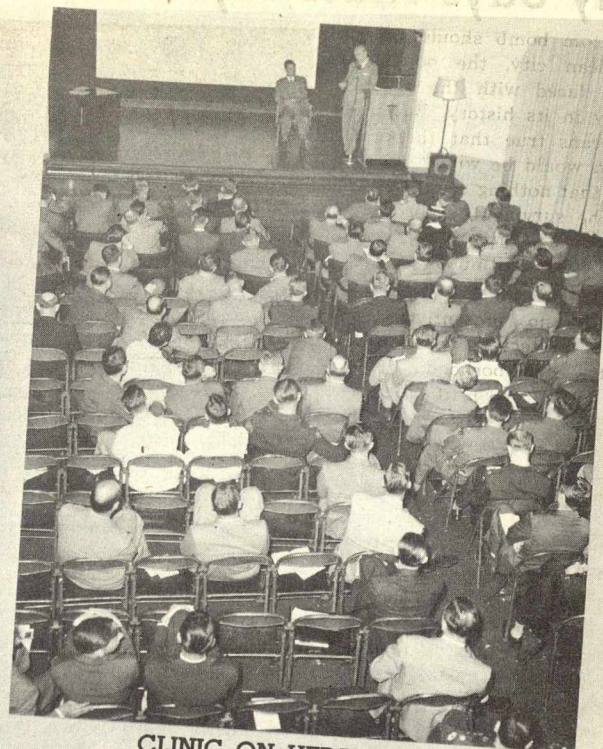
A major function of the physician after such a disaster would be to act as public health officer. Most food in the affected area would not be unfit for consumption, but it would all have to be surveyed before it could safely be eaten. All the water in the region would probably contain radioactive isotopes, slow poison to anyone drinking it, but research is in progress on methods of removing radio-active substances. Obviously the usual boiling or chlorination would be useless. There is some indication that filtration and other methods can be developed.

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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



LETTERMAN'S FIRST LADY
Mrs. Dean F. Winn selects the winning number for the prize puppy at the recent dog show.



CLINIC ON HEPATITIS
Held in our Recreation Center auditorium during the convention of the American College of Physicians.



THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Tosses a "puzzler" to the Red Cross Field Director.



THE TELEPHONE GIRLS
Mark the fifth anniversary of their service to the patients on S-1 with a birthday cake 'n everythin'

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

COURTESY

The other day in an idle moment we were perusing through the dictionary and our eye fell upon "capillary attraction" and that seemed to be the answer to a query that is not infrequent. Why do some soldiers—and some officers—make their caps a permanent fixture to their heads.

All soldiers—and some officers—are supposed to be instructed in Military Courtesies. The circumstances under which the cap is to be worn, and when it is to be removed, are covered in the instructions. In addition there are the customs prevailing in polite society when the cap should be removed. Recent observations tend to indicate that too many of us forget or ignore that little courtesy.

Or maybe it is capillary attraction.

A day or two ago on entering one of the ward offices we came upon a soldier in conversation with the ward nurse. He was comfortably seated and wearing his cap. The nurse is an officer and she is a lady. Her visitor was not a private or a pfc. but a technical sergeant. He remembered when reminded. Just a few minutes later in another ward office another soldier transacting business with the ward nurse and his cap was firmly attached to his head. He was only a staff sergeant. Not too long since he was briefed on Military

WAC

"Spring, Spring, Beautiful Spring" . . . while the majority of us are slaving over hot typewriters all day, or doing our little ward duties, the following girls have taken themselves off to enjoy spring in other sections of the country. It's all on the up-and-up, tho' . . . they were seen clutching their leave papers in their hands as they took off: Violet Collings is spending 15 days in Auburn, Calif.; Mildred Stech will be in Oregon for 10 days; Catherine Mack is off (again?) to San Diego for 20 days. . . . Isn't life wonderful? Not as lengthy, but as eagerly accepted, three day passes were enjoyed by Viola Hocking, Henrietta Callari and Eileen Venters.

Barracks 214x seems to be full of energetic WACs . . . of the 12 softball players who comprise the team, 9 of them call 214 their home, sweet home.

And speaking of energy in 214 . . . where does Schatzi Meredith get it all? After painting the day-room, GI'ing and polishing the foot lockers, she still goes tripping the light fantastic at the Policeman's Ball . . . along with Doris O'Donnell and Lucy Sellers.

Ellie Eaton, better known in sports circles as "Shoulders," not satisfied to call it quits after mastering basketball, softball and volleyball, has now turned her attentions toward the strenuous game of tennis . . . with the willing and able assistance of her side-kick, Mari-louise Damm.

Another sportswoman in our midst is Dorothy Gustafson, who bowled over the pins and her fellow bowlers by scoring 211 in one of her recent games.

Big dance tonight, Saturday, at the Letterman NCO Club . . . everyone invited . . . corsages for the "ladies."

More bowlers are needed for the Monday Night League. Call Lt. Lehman at the gym.

Courtesy and he remembered without the reminder.

If capillary attraction is the reason there is little we can do about it, but if indifference is the basis a refresher course in Military Courtesy might be in order.



Lieut Edna Russell and Lieut. Millie Tohill are spending a three day leave in Los Angeles where sunshine is a reality. Lucky gals!

Lieut. Mary Small entered into the spirit of Springtime by getting a new "Toni" wave, and a very nice one at that—

The Current Events Course at the University of California keeps these gals abreast of the times; no tripping up of Lieuts Mary Mourik, Mildred Kauffman, Edna Russell, Virginia Thomas and Capt. Alma Frey; they know the answers — check your questions first.

Lieut. Mary O'Donnell and Lieut. Florence Murphy have the Nurses' Quarters agog as to who is receiving the most flowers—not from the same man, heavens forbid.

The Physio-Therapists took advantage of the glorious week end, so it's not blushes playing on their faces but the work of "Old Sol" who gave them what they asked for—Rosy Complexions.

Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff has a charm that the gardener can't resist. She always gets her flowers and brightens the day for the Therapists who are ill in the hospital. A "bouquet" to you.

Lieut. Betty Miller has again shown her poweress as an athlete—this time as catcher for the softball team—a first try behind the plate and she came thru with flying colors. Nice going, Betty.

Lieut. Beatrice Haywood and Lieut. Florence Murphy are giving out with "glamour." They are visiting the High Schools in the Bay area to stimulate interest in the nursing field. Do you remember when they did the same to you?

Lieut. Betty Hearn, after a short stay in the hospital, is on her way East to enjoy a convalescent leave. One of her stops will be at Delaware, where she will attend the wedding of a friend, and say "hello" to many others.

Lieut. Elizabeth Stevenson was the center of a group of admirers—was it her plaid-covered glasses or was it that glowing tan she acquired over the week end.

The women of the Medical Spe-

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 25 April, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Gen. McKay Honored

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California, has awarded its Silver Citizenship Medal and its citation for meritorious public service to Brig. Gen. Neal H. McKay, Commanding General of San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

The awards recognized his "fine, intelligent, humane and sympathetic handling" of the remains of American World War II dead returned from the Pacific through San Francisco Port of Embarkation for final burial in this country.

Anniversary

A special vote of thanks from Letterman patients goes to a group of telephone company employees who for the past five years have been coming once a month to the hospital with homemade cakes and other delicacies for the patients on ward S-1.

Last week patients gathered in the Occupational Therapy Shop on the ward to enjoy a feast of cake, cookies, ice cream and candy. The occasion was the fifth anniversary of the first visit of the group, and according to Miss Doris Spencer, who has been responsible for making all arrangements for the monthly parties, the custom is to be continued as before.

Those who accompanied Miss Spencer on this occasion were all from the telephone company's Valencia office in the Mission Building, and included Mary Bjorman, Hazel Schofield, Josephine McHugh, Betty Taylor, Corinne Perry and Jane Stephens.

cialist Corps will don "Whites" 1 July 1949 and relegate the seersuckers to the past.

WAC OF THE WEEK



HELEN J. WALKER
Technician Third Grade

Immediately after her enlistment in the WAC in January 1945, T/3 Helen Walker was sent to very familiar surroundings. Although "home" is now Chicago, she is originally from Des Moines, Iowa, and was sent there for her basic training. Travelling was to happen later in her Army career.

After basic she was sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana to Medical Technicians School, and received her practical training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Just as this training was completed, T/3 Walker received a telegram which made her very happy. Her son, who had been reported missing in action in Luzon four months before, and subsequently sent to Fitzsimmons General Hospital, on his way home on a two weeks recuperation furlough. Naturally, she hurriedly packed and went to Chicago to see him on a delay en route. He had been a scout on Luzon, and it was the thirteenth time he was shot at that he received the serious injury which resulted in his being brought back to the mainland for treatment.

After a wonderful reunion with her son, T/3 Walker went to her new assignment at Fort Jay, N. Y., and remained there until she was sent to Europe in August of 1946.

While in the ETO, she was stationed in Paris, France and in Obberammergau, Germany. She did much sightseeing and travelled all over Germany, visiting Hitler's home in Berchtesgaden on one of her trips. She also saw Antwerp and Brussels in Belgium, Salsburg and Vienna in Austria, and Marseilles, France.

After her return to the states in January of this year, Helen was sent to Letterman and is now assigned as Ward Master on H-1.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Have you a comedy skit—a good song or a bit of lively music—in your system?

If you have—and are blessed with the knack of getting it into black and white, they you'll surely want to try for one of the prizes being offered by Veterans Hospital Camp Shows in its quest for material for a special variety show that it will put on its Hospital Circuit this fall.

The contest, an effort designed to spur creative writing and composing, is open only to patients. It runs from April 19 to June 19. Prize winners will be announced July 14.

The Veterans Hospital Camp Shows has rounded up some of Show Business' top "Names" to judge your offerings. After its own experts go over all copy submitted, they will winnow out the best and send it along to the panel of judges who include Kay Kyser, noted band leader; Dwight Deere Wiman, producer of "The Little Show," "I Married An Angel," and many other Broadway dramas and musical hits; Harold Rome, composer of "Franklin D. Roosevelt Jones," the show "Pins and Needles," all the music in "Call Me Mister;" John Shubert, producer and former Director of Entertainment, Special Services Division of the Army; and Robert H. Gordon, director of "Call Me Mister" and the sketches in "Inside U. S. A."

Your Special Services Officer has the rules and regulations.

The Letterman Chess Club, sponsored by the Red Cross and directed by Mili Hendrix is truly an interesting association of minds and men. Meeting every other Wednesday afternoon at 1330 upstairs in the Recreation Hall, the members endeavor to outwit one another in their many games and tournaments. There is a "round robin" tournament going on now with a \$10.75 chess set as reward for he who wins. This particular chess set is beautifully made. The chessmen are weighted and felted with the King standing 3 1/8" tall.

All who are tempted to wonder what goes on in the check and double check routines are invited to attend. May the 5th is the next meeting, and you can be sure Lind-

She is interested in bowling, softball and volleyball. However, says Helen, her main interest is in seeing her son again.

ley Hamilton and Paul Danielson or Richard Michelson and Robert Brooks will be battling it out as ever.

Major Arthur Price is acting president of the club, and James Hobert is the Recording Secretary.

Instruction is given to the players by experts from the Mechanics Institute and Chess Club of San Francisco. The downtown sponsor is Mr. William Quinn.

Albert Goodrich, Anthony Coleman, Charles Gibson, William Reddig, Myron Rose, Lawrence Tucker, and Luis Serpas are also on the roster of members. Their purpose is to study, learn, and play chess for relaxation and enjoyment. Chess is a pastime that is currently popular among thousands the world over.

Earl K. Allison, who is on ward F-1, was taken to his home in Vallejo over the week end by the Red Cross. Earl is unable to go home by himself, and he is very thankful that the Red Cross is able to provide transportation.

Noah Rutherford of ward E-2, is not getting along so well since his pal "Gabby" Hearn has been transferred out of the ward. Gabby and Noah would argue constantly; things must be quite tame in the ward now.

David Kakaio, member of ward F-1, has lost his partner. His guitar playing pal was transferred out of the ward. However, now that David is ambulatory, he is able to play his own guitar.

"Gabby" Hearn has gone on a fishing trip—deep sea fishing. He says that he is going to catch a 5,000 pound whale and anyone who wants some blubber can contact him on ward 31, where he will have the whale on ice.

Ward D-2 is at present occupied with making plastic belts. It seems it only takes one person on the ward to start something, and the whole ward will follow through.

Collen Burge, patient on ward D-2 is doing an excellent job of rug weaving. Collen is, at the present time, in a complete body cast.

James Burnell is wondering just where Arnold Hass found enough sunshine to get a sunburn. He has been trying to go on a picnic for weeks, but every time he gets ready, the sun fades behind a cloud; and it starts to rain. James has decided to buy himself a sunlamp and have the picnic in the barracks.

ON THE SPOT



RICHARD E. EYESTONE
Private First Class

A "Floridian" true and blue, is Richard Eyestone of "E-1," where he is smilingly known as "Einstein." He is a native of Santa Rosa, Florida, where he was raised on a ranch and learned to ride, hunt, and commune with nature. After graduating from high school, he spent some time in the shipyards, learning things the hard way, and then enlisted in the service in December, 1942.

He was hospitalized in 1944, being a patient at Eglin Field Station Hosp., Fla., Finney Gen. Hosp., Ga., Dibble Gen. Hosp., Menlo Park, Calif., and finally at Letterman General Hospital. While at Finney he was a radio commentator and participated in group discussions which were broadcast over the P.A. system. At another time he was the recipient of a \$10.00 check from Kate Smith for the best "Tall Tale," and no doubt he can tell them. He did so want to save that check and frame it, but his empty pockets cried out "for shame."

When asked about his hobbies he gave forth with "Hobby?—laziness, being happy, and living the good life." However that is a contradiction for he is really a prolific reader. Time is of the essence to him and each day carries a complete schedule. It consists of studying, reading (everything and anything), visiting and letter writing, and last but not least, participating in the Creative Writing Group. He plans to enter the University of Florida upon his discharge from the service where he will major in English or History and not in journalism despite his latent talent.

His cheery greetings to one and all are prefaced by "Howdee, Dodee" which is just one of his many inimitable sayings.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Evelyn Ford of Military Personnel is on leave helping her husband to get ready for his overseas assignment and also preparing for her daughter's wedding before he leaves.

We hear from the Finance Section that Bob Giovannoli's former "Hot-Rod" is in the news again. The new owner plans a cross country trip with it. How these "Model-A's" get around is more than the imagination can stand!

Marjorie Granger has transferred from Medical Service to take up duties in the Detachment of Patients.

Rita Davis, Military Personnel, a happy bride of three weeks has an added reason for happiness. She and her husband have been promised delivery within two weeks of a new Chevrolet.

Mary McFadden, Foghorn Office, is enjoying two weeks vacation here in San Francisco. Helen Hoffman, Special Services, and Caroline Brophy of Maintenance Office, are keeping her posted daily on the activities in the hospital.

Bill Swan of the Hospital Service Branch spent a recent Sunday at the beach acquiring a sun tan and he now claims his face is falling off in layers.

Mary Benson of Civil Personnel accompanied her brother to Seattle, Washington to witness the installation of Bishop Connolly as Coadjutor of Seattle, Washington.

Lee Bakken, X-Ray, returned from Los Angeles after spending two weeks with her sister who is ill.

Bill Fujita of Finance has the luck of the Irish! Get's his "Chariot" smashed by a hit-run driver who was later caught by Berkeley gendarmes.

Frances Perry of the Laundry recently enjoyed a week's annual leave at home.

Mrs. Joe Marea, formerly Eulalia Beebe of the Dental Clinic, is making a big success of her cooking by putting her pressure cookers and recipes to good use.

A welcome is extended to two new employees at Letterman: Madeleine Rose in the Chaplain's Office and Verla McCarthy of Surgical Service.

First shark: "What is that queer two-legged thing which just jumped into the water?"

Second shark: "I'll bite."

THIS GRAY LADY CAPTAIN IS MUCH BETTER KNOWN TO PATIENTS AS MOM



MRS. ROSALIE H. WEINBERGER
Red Cross Group Captain

If you should ask any patient on the ramp "Who is Mrs. Rosalie H. Weinberger?" the answer would probably be a blank look, but if you put it this way "Do you know Mom?" there would be an immediate broad smile and "Sure, everyone knows Mom."

For the past seven years Mrs. Weinberger has been one of Letterman's beloved Gray Ladies, and the thousands of patients who have passed through our portals during and since the war days will all remember Mom with affection. She is one of the volunteers who have covered our wards on the daily rounds to bring a word of cheer or some little article of creature comfort to the men who were bedfast as a result of illness or wounds.

Mom is a native daughter of San Francisco and an alumna of the famed Girls High School of this city. The graduates of that school have ascended to fame in bringing honor to the community and they speak with genuine pride of the old school.

Originally the Gray Ladies performed their duties under the gen-

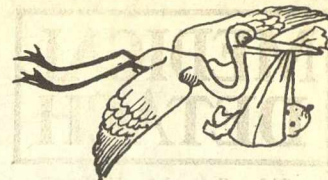
eral supervision of the chairman but some two years ago some of the senior volunteers were appointed captains to co-ordinate the routine of their associates. That was when "Mom" became a captain—a rank that is entirely ignored by the patients—in favor of the title which they conferred on her themselves.

Mom is at Letterman twice each week and puts in a seven hour day visiting the men on the wards of the main hospital. In her little bag are cigarettes, playing cards, and stationery for immediate delivery. Other supplies may be requisitioned by the ward nurse from the Red Cross store room and are available even when there is no Gray Lady in sight.

Mrs. Weinberger is one of five to hold the position of group captain but the title in no way interferes with the accomplishment of her mission. The captains work just as hard, and give as freely of their time, as those who lack the title.

The Gray Ladies represent one activity of the Red Cross in this hospital that is essential.

Well, Mom is indispensable.



To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Richard E. Chambliss, a girl, **Jeanne Marie**, born 8 April.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Zdrubek, a girl, **Penny Leigh**, born 8 April.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Paul A. Bucha, a girl, **Judith Kae**, born 9 April.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Spires, a boy, **Brett Robert**, born 10 April.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson, a girl, born 10 April.

To Major and Mrs. Arthur Clark Cheyne, a girl, **Martha Ellen**, born 13 April.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Carl Francis Gray, a boy, **Robert Francis**, born 13 April.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Benjamin Henry, a boy, **Daly Edward**, born 14 April.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Sam Goon Chin, a boy, **Harris Leong**, born 14 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. James P. Healey, a girl, **Nancy Jo**, born 15 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Raimon W. Lehman, a girl, **Katheryn Marie**, born 15 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Nelson, a girl, **Donna Joan**, born 15 April.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert M. McCartney, a boy, **Morse Rodney**, born 15 April.

MORE ABOUT LETTERMAN STAFF

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duate Medical Extension Division of the University of California. The Topic to be discussed at the meeting will be "Interne and Resident Training" and Dr. Loren D. Chandler, dean of Stanford Medical School, will act as moderator.

Among the medical officers seen at Letterman during the convention were Major General George C. Beach, commanding general, Walter Reed General Hospital, Colonel Clifford G. Blitch, Chief, Medical Consultants' Division, OSG, Colonel Rufus L. Holt, commandant, Research and Graduate School, Army Medical Department, Colonel William H. Allen, retired, Colonel William G. Herbert, retired, Colonel Brown S. McClintic, retired, and Colonel A. B. McKie, retired.

MEDICAL DETACH

Ye Olde Saturday Night Dance Hall has been converted—it's open each night for dancing. Famed dance bands give with the music—via jukebox, of course.

Jack E. Lucas of the 9956 was married in Hayward one week ago last Wednesday. Congratulations, Jack; and may you "live happily ever after."

Henry Atkinson, who has always told everyone how good he was at playing ping pong, had quite a let down the other day when he was beaten five games in a row by Antony Rosinski. Henry said the reason he lost was that he wasn't quite awake. He still maintains that he can beat anyone in the Barracks.

Harry G. "Pat" "Battler" Doyle had a very exceptional time over the week end. He went home with Edward Sans. Most of Saturday was spent playing marbles with Ed's little brother. Sunday he played baseball with the nine year old, and then they went roller skating with him on the sidewalk. He claims that this is the first time that he has ever reverted to his childhood pastimes.

Charles "Monty" Catterlin has finally returned from his furlough, and finds it very hard to return to the life of a soldier. He had only been back for a few hours when things happened. First he could not find an empty bunk, and had to sleep in the emergency room. Then about 11 o'clock, the person who was sleeping in the top bunk next to him rolled over, fell out of bed, and in falling, flung out his arms, striking Monty in the stomach. To say that Monty was surprised would be putting it very mildly.

Edwin Richmond has one of the best suntans seen this year. The sun seems to burn most everyone but Richie. His suntan coupled with his "Butch" haircut makes him look as if he were the rugged outdoor type.

Library

Colonel C. M. Virtue has rewritten the Company Administration book and brought it up to date. The complete title is "Company Administration, including Supply and Mess Management and Personnel records." There are chapters on supply and property records, company mess, company fund,

BUYING WHAT A GOOD BUYER BUYS IS ALWAYS A GOOD BUY AT THE PX



Mr. FRANK A. GREENLAW
Buyer for the Bay Area Exchange

The display of merchandise in the several branches of the Bay Area Exchange must prompt the thought that some one on the staff of the Exchange must know his way around the marts in San Francisco to keep the stock so well up to date. It is not something that comes by inspiration or even deep and long thought. Just a matter of experience for which there is no substitute.

The man behind it all for the Bay Area Exchange is Mr. Frank A. Greenlaw who joined the Presidio PX away back in 1940 and stayed with that organization until it was merged with the present set up. He brought with him into the Bay Area Exchange the same gracious personality which contributes so

much to his success as a buyer and gives him the inside tract on where the merchandise may be found to keep the shelves of all stores well filled.

morning report, organization of a personnel office, pay of enlisted men, service records, discharge, and discharge certificates. The book is available in the library, and should be very helpful to those who are planning on taking promotion exams.

much to his success as a buyer and gives him the inside tract on where the merchandise may be found to keep the shelves of all stores well filled.

Mr. Greenlaw is a native son of California and was born at Eureka but moved to San Francisco in his boyhood and remained here ever since. He is a graduate of Lowell High School from which so many men prominent in civic affairs today got their start in life. His own early days were spent with the Piggly Wiggly chain of stores which pioneered the self service that is commonplace now.

Mr. Greenlaw was married in 1939 to the former Miss Helen Lee Meshishnek and they have three children: Loretta Mae 7, Frank Junior 5, and Mary Lee 3. The family home is in the Park Merced section and he is never too far away from his job.

If what you want is anywhere in town the Bay Area Exchange puts Mr. Greenlaw on the trail and after the fashion of the famed "Mounties" he never fails to bring it back.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

A creditable performance was turned in by the Hospital Train Volley Ball squad in the set-to with Letterman Detachment on Monday. The scores for the three games were: First Game Letterman 15, HTU 13; Second Game Letterman 10, HTU 15; and Third Game Letterman 8, HTU 15. Playing for HTU, are T/Sgt. James L. Mitchell, T/5 Marvin J. Borchart, T/5 Robert R. Jackson, T/5 Emilio (The Chief) Abeyta, Corp. Lawrence Holmes, Pfc. Vincent Gonzales, and PFC Rolland Soder. Sgt. Mitchell was captain for HTU, and Sgt. Harvey was captain for Letterman. Mitchell, Holmes, and Abeyta sparked the HTU team.

The Non-Commissioned Officers Club has obtained the use of a new building, and have bought furniture, i.e. tables and chairs for the same. This means a big step forward for the club, and as the members say, "It is getting better all of the time."

VA Hospital trips are making it possible for Camp Kilmer Detachment Hospital train men to return to their home station, Camp Kilmer. The Kilmer men who will act as attendants are T/4 Charles L. Farrow, Pfc. R. D. Bull, and Pvt. Carmine A. Massulio, and T/3 Herbert Adkins.

Signs of Spring are at every hand, and who should know better than T/Sgt. John Mack and his detail. The area is rapidly taking on a park-like appearance due to the efforts of this detail.

Since formation of the 'Red' and 'Blue' Evacuation Teams it has been a case of "Early to Rise" for the twenty-six men assigned to them. At Four or Five A. M. the details are awake and bright and shining, well, they are awake anyway. Sergeant Donald Chah and others have expressed the opinion that sometimes it is hardly worth the effort to retire. However it may be stated that both teams function smoothly, and the results in the transportation and handling of the patients have been very good.

HTU Section will be well represented in the forthcoming examinations for promotions. We are all keeping our fingers crossed, and wishing everyone success.

MORE ABOUT ATOMIC ENERGY

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Physicians would have a heavy responsibility in supervising the decontamination of not only food and water but of refugees, by means of complete change of clothing, bathing, etc. This requires familiarity with the use of detecting instruments such as the Geiger counter, and a knowledge of the kinds of persistent radiation to be expected. (People escaping from the area where a bomb has exploded may find their wearing apparel sufficiently radio-active to constitute a menace to others.) This problem has already come up in hospitals where patients are being treated with amounts of radio-active material.

Armed Forces medical officers face an even greater responsibility than do civilian physicians, since it may be necessary to send troops into a bombed area either for rescue work or on tactical operations. A series of intensive courses on the medical aspects of atomic explosion was instituted last May at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C. Nearly 700 doctors and scientists have been trained there in the fundamentals of radiation hazards, diagnosis and treatment. More than 50 medical schools throughout the country have sent representatives, many of whom are now setting up similar courses in their respective institutions.

Following the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, much was learned of what symptoms to expect, overt and latent, immediate and delayed. All the results will not be in for years, of course. Great publicity has been given to the possibility of gene mutations which might produce a high percentage of abnormal offspring in generations to come. However, Dr. Shields Warren, Assistant Professor of Pathology at the Harvard Medical School, recently told Army doctors attending the current basic science course at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., that aberrations in the genes and ova of mammals produced by irradiation are usually lethal to the developing embryo, and consequently the result of such irradiation would probably be a higher rate of abortion and miscarriage rather than production of a race of monsters pictured in sensational prophecies.

Besides flash burns from envelop-

LETTERMAN KEGLERS ACTIVITIES

Results of games bowled Wednesday evening, 21 April 1948:

TEAM	1st Game	2d Game	3d Game
Supply Division	799	732	692
Operating Room.....	751	685	662
Mass Administration.....	762	712	835
Administration Building.....	799	739	799
Concalescent Services.....	677	716	780
Band	693	742	759
Physical Medicine.....	779	772	661
Detachment 9956.....	727	738	696

League standings as of 21 April:

Administration Building	36	21	15
Supply Division	36	21	15
Band	36	20	16
Hosp. Mess Adm.....	36	17	19
Convalescent Services	36	17	19
Detachment 9956	36	17	19
Physical Medicine.....	36	16	20
Operating Room	36	15	21

Individual averages, as of 19 April 1948:

NAMES	GAMES	T. PINS	AVG.
T/Sgt. Charles Wilcox.....	27	4783	117
S/Sgt. Walter Yohe.....	33	5817	176
1st Lt. Oliver.....	27	4651	172
T/4 Kenneth Bates.....	33	5403	164
T/5 Duane White.....	23	3761	164
S/Sgt. Les Harvey.....	24	3881	162
Pfc. Robert Clark.....	33	5282	160
T/5 D. E. White.....	9	1439	160
Sgt. Anthony Gacioch.....	27	4318	160
S/Sgt. Walter Crapo.....	30	4770	159
1st Lt. Forest Woodman.....	6	950	158
M/Sgt. John Law.....	33	5169	157
Maj. Edward Shannon.....	27	4191	155
M/Sgt. William Muhic.....	30	4558	152
T/Sgt. Elbert Ashbaugh.....	18	2710	151
1st Lt. Arthur Gonbosh.....	30	4513	150
M/Sgt. Charles Doze.....	33	4964	150
S/Sgt. Marshall Thompson.....	3	449	150
Pfc. Michael Bauer.....	33	4924	149
1st Lt. Raimon Lehman.....	23	3420	149
Lt. Col. Ralph Graham.....	33	4917	146
Capt. Wayland Turner.....	33	4912	146
S/Sgt. Clarence Holt.....	30	4388	146
Lt. Col. William Beswick.....	21	3048	145
M/Sgt. Harold Dixon.....	27	3886	144
M/Sgt. John Wilhite.....	27	3859	143
T/5 Edward Lopez.....	24	3411	142
M/Sgt. George Pennington.....	18	2542	141
Pfc. Wm. Maxwell.....	24	3373	141
Capt. Russell Lyons.....	24	3324	139
T/5 Oscar Hood.....	21	2912	139
Capt. Lester Vanderburg.....	24	3285	137
Capt. Charles Branthayer.....	6	823	137
Pvt. Carroll Schneider.....	6	823	137
Capt. Anthony Mastrolia.....	31	4213	136
Pfc. Frank Sehlhorst.....	27	3660	136
T/4 Lloyd Woodbury.....	33	4419	134
Capt. Charles Adcock.....	7	936	134
T/5 Roger Lesperance.....	33	4389	133
M/Sgt. John Young.....	27	3572	132

ing hot gases, such as result from any powerful explosion, blisters similar to skin burns and sunburn are likely to appear on the skin of atom bomb victims. In Japan, burns and blisters appear to follow a definite pattern, showing up within five minutes on those close to the explosion. At nearly a mile away, they did not show for several hours, and at greater distances, up to about two miles, the appearance of burns and blisters was even longer delayed.

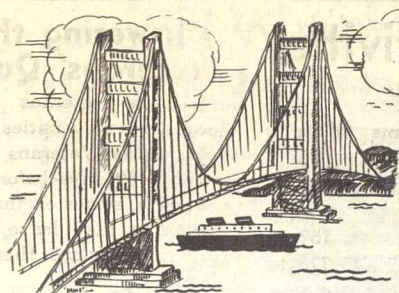
Of the superficial effects perhaps the most alarming is the falling out of the hair. While bound to cause a bad psychological effect, it is due to superficial radiation and is not serious in itself. The hair will return if the patient has not received a lethal dose of radiation.

Immediately after a bomb blast those in the vicinity who escape immediate death from shock, burns or falling debris may appear to have suffered no ill effects at first. But within a few hours, victims seriously affected will feel nauseated and start to vomit. This may pass in a day or so. But at the beginning of about the second week when the hair starts to fall out, the feeling of general malaise, experienced in the first few hours, may return accompanied by fever. There is likely to be bloody diarrhea. Examination will show that the white blood count has fallen to a very low level. Death may come very quickly, or there may be anemia and general debility over a long period with eventual recovery.

Physicians must be prepared to expect such a syndrome and to take nothing for granted about the condition of the patient during the first few days.

There is a parallel in our experience with heavy bombing of cities from the air in World War II. This type of warfare was an innovation, and at first physicians had virtually no information concerning the effect of shock waves of that magnitude on the human body. Scores of people in the neighborhood of bursting bombs died, although they had apparently suffered no injuries. The knowledge of what could be done to save those people was acquired the hard way because medical science had not foreseen such a problem.

The threat of the atom bomb is at least now recognized and we have already a growing body of knowledge which can be mastered while an emergency is still remote.



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Army to Call 300 Medical Service Reserve Officers

Authority has been granted to the Army Medical Department to immediately place three hundred additional Medical Service Reserve on extended active duty, it was announced today by Major General Raymond W. Bliss, The Army Surgeon General. Reserve officers who volunteer will be assigned to duty in all four sections of the Corps, according to their qualifications. The greatest need is in the Medical Allied Science Section which includes personnel trained in psychology, physiology, biochemistry, nutrition, serology and other related medical sciences needed in the Army. The other three sections of the Medical Service Corps are the Pharmacy, Administrative and Supply Section, the Optometry Section and the Sanitary Engineering Section.

The recent formation of the Medical Service Corps is one phase of a long-range program designed to provide the highest possible standard of medical care for the U. S. Army with a minimum number of physicians required in administrative positions or performing duties properly belonging to medical allied sciences. While specialists in fields embraced by the Corps have always served in the Army, authorities felt that the former administrative set-up did not make for the fullest use of talent or the highest degree of individual satisfaction. The present grouping was inaugurated last year when officers in the former Sanitary Corps, Pharmacy Corps and Medical Administrative Corps Reserves were transferred to the newly formed Army Medical Service Reserve. The arm is to have each man practicing in the field for which his training and inclination best fit him and every effort is made to assign Reserve personnel to ser-



THE COMMANDING OFFICER
Greets two distinguished members of the medical profession during official visit to Letterman. (Left) Dr. Henry M. Thomas, Jr., Associate Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Gen. Winn, and Col. William F. MacFee, Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, Cornell University.

vice paralleling their civilian pursuits.

The Regular Army Medical Service Corps now has an authorized officer strength of 1,022. Vacancies in the Regular Corps will be filled through the medium of competitive tours of active duty for Reserve Officers, the Surgeon General said. Qualified men interested in a Regu-

lar Army career may apply for Reserve commissions. Those holding such commissions but on inactive status, may apply for active duty specifically to compete for Regular Army commissions. If, after making application for active duty, it is found that a Reserve officer's qualifications do not entitle him to com-

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New Stars on Two Shoulder Loops At Letterman

Stars denoting the rank of brigadier general were pinned this week on the shoulder loop of Letterman's commander, Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, and the Chief of the Surgical Service, Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton at informal ceremonies held in the office of the Commanding General.

The orders announcing the promotions were read by Colonel Kermit H. Gates in the presence of the chiefs of divisions on the Letterman staff, and the new stars were pinned in place by Mrs. Dean F. Winn and Mrs. Leonard D. Heaton respectively.

General Winn has been in command of Letterman General Hospital since December 1946 when he joined station here after deactivating Moore General Hospital at Swannanoa, N. C. Prior to that he had closed England General Hospital at Atlantic City, New Jersey. In 1942 he was ordered to organize and command Schick General Hospital at Clinton, Iowa, where he remained until that command was deactivated in 1946.

General Heaton began his military career at Letterman as an intern in 1926 and was commissioned in the Regular Army the following year. He was Chief of Surgery at North Sector General Hospital at Schofield Barracks at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack and officially commended for his handling of the wounded. He later commanded a general hospital and a hospital center overseas in the European Theatre of Operations. He joined the Letterman surgical staff on 20 November 1945 on returning from the ETO.

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Veteran of Indian Wars, Spanish War and WWI Here

Visitors to Ward A-1 these days will probably note the presence of an elderly distinguished gentleman maneuvering a wheelchair with genuine dexterity.

This man of distinction—one of our prize patients—is Major General Grote Hutcheson, U. S. Army, retired. His serial number is 072 and that will tell you he dates from way back yonder. In fact, he is one of the oldest living graduates of the U. S. Military Academy—a member of the Class of 1884.

General Hutcheson was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, on 1 April 1862. The date has no special significance for him but all during his life he has never been permitted to forget just what that day means to most people. He attended the public schools of his native city and at the time of his appointment to West Point, 4 March 1879, he was attending Woodward High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In those days it was the customary procedure for prospective cadets to make the journey to West Point at their own expense to take the entrance examination prescribed by the academic board. If the cadet passed the examination he stayed at West Point, if he failed he bought a ticket home.

The strength of corps of cadets in those days was about 400. Each congressional district rated one cadet and the President had ten appointments during his tenure of office. While the strength of the corps was about 400 at the beginning of the scholastic year casualties were numerous and as a rule not many more than 300 were still wearing the gray when the year ended.

General Hutcheson on graduation in 1884 was assigned to the Cavalry Branch and his first station was at Fort Sill, Indian Territory (Now Oklahoma) with the 9th Cavalry. In those days the soldiers and officers in that branch spent very little time near Headquarters. The first five years of the general's active service was spent in the Sioux country of northern Nebraska and the Dakotas. In the year from 1890 to 1891 there were very active campaigns against the Brule Sioux Indians and the Ogalalla Sioux tribe. The Battle of Wounded Knee was one of the hot spots of that campaign.

In 1891 the 9th Cavalry took up headquarters at Fort Robinson, Nebraska and shortly after that General Hutcheson was promoted to



Major General GROTE HUTCHESON
Letterman's favorite octogenarian patient.

1st Lt. and designated Regimental Adjutant. The outfit remained until 1898: mostly in the field—an old Cavalry tradition.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War General Hutcheson was appointed aide to Brig. Gen. Coppinger and moved to Mobile, Alabama where he was promoted to Captain and Adjutant General of U. S. Volunteers.

He was later assigned to Schawn's Independent Brigade of Regular Troops which trained in a southern camp until the organization embarked for Puerto Rico where it took part in a very active campaign in which the general was slightly wounded and received the first Silver Star citation for gallantry.

In 1900 General Hutcheson was promoted to Captain, 6th Cavalry and ordered to China on the staff of General Adna R. Chaffee as Adjutant General of Peking Expeditionary Force to put down the Boxer Rebellion.

The force landed at Tientsin and marched overland to Peking with

plenty of action and adventure along the route. The general received his second Silver Star citation for gallantry while participating in this campaign. In 1901 he went to the Philippines as Military Secretary to General Chaffee who assumed the Office of Military Governor in succession to General Arthur MacArthur, the father of Douglas MacArthur.

At that time a young officer who was later to be Major General Walter C. Sweeney first met up with General Hutcheson. It was a coincidence that when General Hutcheson recently entered Letterman as a patient the officer in the next room was the same Major Walter C. Sweeney.

General Hutcheson returned to the United States in the Fall of 1902 and was one of the first officers appointed to the General Staff when that was organized in 1903 under the direction of then President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1908 General Hutcheson as a Captain in the 6th Cavalry went back to the

Philippines to participate in the various campaigns on the island of Mindanao in putting down the Moro rebels. He returned to the United States in 1911 and was promoted to Major.

The next year was spent on the Texas border with his regiment keeping a watchful eye on the Madero revolutionists on the Mexican side of the boundary. The year 1912 found him beginning a three year tour at the Fort Slocum Recruit Depot and in 1915 as a Lt. Col. he took the 15th Cavalry to Fort William McKinley just outside Manila. It was just about this time that due to a "hump" among the Lieutenant Colonels of Cavalry a special act of Congress was passed creating additional colonels and in the group General Hutcheson was promoted to that grade.

He next served as Inspector General on the Mexican border as an officer of the 3rd Cavalry until the outbreak of World War I in 1917, when he was promoted to Brigadier General. The first task assigned him was the organization of the Port of Embarkation at Norfolk, Virginia. This was a project of first magnitude and the general had to start from scratch in providing for all of the activities connected with an organization of that kind, which meant the erection of warehouses, the building of docks and the rebuilding of railroad terminals to handle the vast amount of supplies being shipped to our overseas forces, and our allies, France and England.

In August of 1918 the general was promoted to Major General and assigned to command the 14th Division at Camp Custer, Michigan, but he was held at Norfolk pending the arrival of a suitable replacement so that he finally reached Camp Custer just about the time of the signing of the Armistice. In February 1919 the general was assigned to Camp Meade, Maryland, and used extensively by the Chief of Staff General Peyton C. March as a "trouble shooter." It was in this role that the following year he undertook the stupendous task of de-activating the New York Port of Embarkation. This entailed all of the war activities in New York, Newark and Brooklyn. It involved the cancellation of contracts and leases, the separation of numerous civilian employees and the settlement for all kinds of claims for damages.

In 1922 General Hutcheson was
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Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



RANDY RAY REECE
Arrives at Letterman with two full grown teeth—and two others ready to make an appearance. Very unusual, say the obstetricians.



SHE'S A CAPTAIN NOW
General Dean F. Winn, commanding officer pins the twin bars of the new insignia to the shoulder loop of Loretta M. Bevins, Army Nurse Corps.



THE LATEST CLASS
To join the ranks of Letterman's beloved Gray Ladies.



POST GRADUATE TRAINING
Ablly discussed by top flight medical men of the Bay Area at a special meeting held here on Saturday morning. General Dean F. Winn, (standing left) commanding officer, is addressing the panel.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

CONGRATULATIONS

The announcement of the action of the Senate in confirming the nomination of Colonel Dean F. Winn and Leonard D. Heaton to be brigadier generals in the Medical Department calls for sincere congratulations from all of us.

In selecting these two outstanding officers for high honor the Surgeon General has paid a compliment to this command and his action may be interpreted as official recognition of the high standard of excellence maintained at Letterman in fulfilling its mission for the care of the sick and injured.

General Winn has had a distinguished career in the Medical Department and has earned the Legion of Merit for his work at Schick General Hospital and an oak leaf cluster for his administration at England General Hospital. General Heaton wears the Legion of Merit and two oak leaf clusters for high performance of duty in Oahu at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack and successive commands of a general hospital and a hospital center in the ETO.

We at Letterman are proud of our new generals. They have contributed materially to the eminence occupied by this hospital in medical circles not only of the west coast but throughout the country.

In the lustre of these new stars is a bright future for this command.

WAC

Friday, 23 April was a beautiful day, and the WACs took advantage of the weather by going on a picnic. They were transported by GI bus to McNear's Landing where refreshments awaited. As at any WAC gathering, the girls had an enjoyable time singing songs around the fire, and indulging in the pastimes which summed up to "a wonderful time was had by all."

Tec. 4 "Schatzi" Meredith is the new barracks sergeant of upstairs 214 — responsibilities, responsibilities! Speaking of barracks sergeants, it seems to be the trend for them to turn to the road of matrimony . . . S/Sgt. Dorothy Bennett, M/Sgt. Stella Wilson, and Tec. 4 Mildred Stech, barracks sergeants all, are now married . . . could it be coincidence?

Sgt. Martha Foxworthy is still a patient on Ward P, but perhaps the good weather, and our best wishes for a speedy recovery will bring her back to the fold.

Capt. Margaret Lassetter was luckier than most when she became a patient—her tour in that status lasted exactly 24 hours—what's your secret, Capt. Lassetter—Capt. Frances Peterson also joined the ranks as patient, but at present is again back to duty.

First Lieut. Frances Harllee surprised herself and all onlookers when she pulled in a two pound, 23 inch perch while fishing from Crissy pier—here's looking for bigger and better fish.

Upstairs 214 awakens each morning in a unique manner these days. Sgt. Carolyn Wirt won an alarm clock-radio in Bingo at the Letterman NCO Club, and promptly at seven, the alarm rings, the radio turns on, and such is the start of another day.

Good luck and good bowling to S/Sgt. Corinne Cooper, Tec. 3 Ella Dodson, Sgt. Dorothy Gustafson, Tec. 4 Helen Brown, Tec. 5 Mary Davis, and Tec. 4 Sue Burnette, who left Tuesday morning to represent the WAC detachment in the 6th Army semi-finals bowling tournament at Camp Stoneman.

Jean Knaggs Frost, at one time first Lieutenant WAC at Letterman, came back this week to visit old friends still holding forth here. Jean is a career woman part time—buys those womens' thingamajigs for a large Seattle department store.



Capt. Vida Buehler is the proud owner of a cream colored, blue top, 1948 Pontiac. Her guests, Colonel and Mrs. Daniel Berry and Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff enjoyed a trip to Carmel and Fort Ord, but not without a thrill—the speedometer just wouldn't behave. Of course she had nothing to do with it, she just couldn't keep that foot off the accelerator.

Lieut. Ruth Wall's constant cry is "no more prints;" but alack, alas, her innate love for the finer things of life just can't be downed—more "prints" have been added to her collection (etchings is the academic word).

The Dietitians are organizing a volley ball team. To their opponents—remember, they know all about vitamins and calories—their victories will be planned.

Major Lois Kinnison, Major Carrie Barrett, Capt. Edith Shutt and Capt. Rebecca Amend, and Lieut. Margaret Abbott enjoyed the "sweetness and delights" of Blums.

Lieuts. Patrick Alic, Violet Zelinski, Elizabeth Zettel and Helen McCloskey, week-ended at Yosemite. A trip of unequalled beauty. It will be one of their pleasant memories of the West coast.

Lieut. Rose J. Dull has returned to Letterman as a regular Army nurse. This is not unfamiliar terrain. She was here on duty with Army Nurse Corps and then as a civilian. Welcome to the regular Nurse Corps and good luck.

Capt. Edith Shutt, who is in charge of the course "Operating Room Techniques," arranged a field trip for Capt. Nora Hasselmire, Capt. Margaret Kowaleski, Capt. Lois Alfred, Capt. Edith Graham, and Lieut. Mary Towdouze. They visited Herrick Memorial Hospital, in Berkeley, where Miss Elizabeth Moritz, supervisor of the operating room, conducted them on an inspection tour of Surgical Services, which highlighted the "Construction and Arrangements of Operation Room's and Control of Supply Service."

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 2 May, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Credit

The photograph of the burst of the atomic bomb at Bikini used last week in the FOGHORN was obtained through the courtesy of the Executive City Editor of the San Francisco "Examiner," Mr. Eppinger.

MORE ABOUT NEW STARS

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General Winn will continue as the commanding general here while General Heaton stays on as the Director of the Professional Services. Under a change in the administrative set up Colonel Kermit H. Gates becomes the Deputy to the Commanding General.

MORE ABOUT CALL MEDICAL OFFICERS

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pete, he may then withdraw his application.

Plans are also being made to expand further the graduate training program for Regular Army Medical Service Corps officers. The program currently includes training at a number of civilian institutions in a wide variety of subjects, including entomology, bacteriology, clinical psychology and public health. A score of leading universities are co-operating in this training program, including Johns Hopkins, Harvard, Northwestern, Columbia, and others.

The American economy, like the American community, is far from perfect, but it is the peak of human achievement, and its tenets and opportunities constitute what Lincoln called the last, best hope of earth. —Ralph Bradford.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ESTHER P. HART
Staff Sergeant

Even though she was born and raised in Farmersville, Texas, the soft southern accent of S/Sgt. Esther Hart is gradually fading out. Perhaps it could be attributed to the fact that she has been in the Army since December 1942, and during that five years, she has been stationed throughout the United States.

Esther was a housewife before she joined the WAC. Now she enjoys her job as a Medical Technician on Ward P-1 so much that medical work will always be her field, even if the WAC is discontinued.

Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, was the scene of her basic training. Upon completion of that and a Motor Transportation Course she was sent to Camp Campbell, Kentucky. The next two years were spent as a driver and medic.

In December 1945, Esther decided to try civilian life, but remained out of the Army only four months.

In December of 1946, Sixth Army Headquarters became her new home. However, Esther didn't stay too long because in June of 1947 she sailed for the European Command. While in Frankfurt, Germany, her work was that of a statistical clerk.

Then after two years of trying to be transferred to the Medical Department, it happened. At Letterman since January of this year, she has been very happy with her work and her surroundings.

Despite her many moves, Esther has managed to keep up her interest in all sports, especially softball and horseback riding. Currently she is playing second base on the Letterman WAC softball squad.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to "red heads." If you doubt it, ask Cpl. Albert Fournier on ward K-2. He knows the answer, so his wardmates believe.

The Belt and Bracelet Section of the Occupational Therapy Shop is kept busy by wards O-2 and N-2. Almost everyone on these two wards is making either a silver bracelet or a plastic belt.

Cpl. Arthur F. Larson of ward K-2 always gets a peculiar gleam in his eyes when anyone speaks of a certain Physical Therapist. We wonder who she can be. All that we know about her is that "her dimples are cute."

Early in the week when the recording machine was in ward F-1, several of the patients took advantage of the opportunity to record their musical abilities. Among those who made records were David Kakaio, Cpl. Charles Dorman, Arthur Estrada and Pfc. Vincent Guidry of ward 29. They made quite a few records and sent them to friends at home.

S/Sgt. Walter Luebbert gave a party—which is still the talk of ward K-2—to celebrate his discharge from the hospital. All wardmen and patients of his ward were invited. A good time was had by all.

CWO Clarence Bringle of ward M-2 has been occupying himself with the making of several "sandwich" type table lamps. They consist of alternate layers of wood and plexiglass. He states that he may, after his discharge, make use of his home workshop to manufacture the lamps on a commercial scale.

Pfc. John Schmelzer and Pfc. Charles Dorman both of Ward F-1 took advantage of the Red Cross offer to see the stage play "Okla-homa."

Both agreed that it was an exceptional show.

Lending a helping hand in the Troop Information and Education office is Major John Harmstead. However, he complains that the office personnel have been abusing him of late. It's those witticisms of his that draw forth comment from the I and E Staff.

T/4 Joe Romero and Cpl. Claude Gammons were feeling rather light

headed last Sunday. We all were wondering why.

Pvt. Teddy Betts and T/Sgt. John Neal both from ward 41 have been voluntarily helping out in the library for quite some time. They have been doing commendable work and the library welcomes their assistance.

Sgt. Martin Cabalzar of ward 41 was heard to exclaim, as he poured his money into the pinball machine: "I just can't understand where my money goes. I'm always broke by the time payday rolls around."

Pvt. Edward J. Reno was very busily engaged in the making of rings, bracelets, and earrings out of both silver and lucite. His workshop at the time, was the Recreation Hall, East Hospital, due to the fact that the Occupational Therapy Shop was closed for inventory.

MORE ABOUT
GENERAL HUTCHESON

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sent to command the Field Artillery Brigade at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii where he remained until 1924. He received his permanent appointment as Major General and was retired for physical disability on 20 July 1924.

For the following two years he was the Director General of the National Cathedral in Washington, D. C. supervising all activities in connection with the organization and construction of that ecclesiastical monument. Seems that ecclesiastics are rarely good financiers.

Since 1927 General Hutcheson has made his home at Saratoga, a garden spot some 50 miles south of San Francisco, where he holds open house for his contemporaries, friends and admirers.

General Hutcheson has the Distinguished Service Medal, Navy, and three Silver Stars for gallantry in addition to campaign ribbons too numerous to mention acquired during his 46 years of active service.

His sojourn here at Letterman promises to be of brief duration and any one reconciled to coming out second best in an exchange of repartee would enjoy a visit with the distinguished officer in Room 5 on Ward A-1.

ON THE SPOT



LOREN "RED" PARMELEE
Technical Sergeant

"Red," a patient at Letterman, is a native of Los Angeles, having spent most of his life there, until his enlistment in the Air Force in 1938.

He was first stationed at Glendale, California in the capacity of aircraft mechanic and remained there for a period of three and one-half years. In early 1941, he was sent to Sherwood Field, Paso Robles and later to Long Beach Air Base as a flight engineer on B-24's which were being ferried to Montreal. In June of '42 he went to Great Falls, Montana as a flight engineer. It was while he was stationed there that Loren made 24 trips to Alaska and eight trips to England. In 1943 he went to B-29 Flight Engineer School in Kansas and then to Long Range Crews Control School in Florida.

In 1944 Loren was sent to Fairfield and made Trans-Pacific runs. On one trip his plane carried General Jonathan Wainwright from Okinawa to Washington, D. C.

"Red" was discharged from the Air Force in November of 1945 and re-enlisted in April of the following year.

In October of 1947 "Red" was injured in a head-on collision between an automobile and a motorcycle (Red was on the motorcycle) and he has been at LGH ever since.

"Reds" hobby is makin "Hot Rods" (souped-up cars) and has also done some racing in "hot rods," midget racers, and motorcycles. He holds the record for the Muroc Dry Lakes Track in 1935 for a "hot rod" with the recorded speed of 118.9 mph and also the 1937 speed record on a motorcycle with the speed of 110.4 mph.

"Red" plans to stay in the Air Force for a long time to come. He says that there is no other place where he has so much spare time.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Frances Parry of the Laundry wishes it to be known that the week's leave she had recently was definitely not a vacation, what with moving to a new home and visiting her daughter in the hospital. Frances also received a letter from Nellie Prather, former Laundry employee, inviting her to visit her model farm in New Bieber, Calif. Nellie writes that she is very happy in her new surroundings.

Mary Lerner of the Dental Branch is completing arrangements for a vacation trip that will include New York and Florida and she will be gone 40 days.

June Grumstrup, Military Personnel, was nursing a sprained ankle incurred recently while ice skating.

Leo King of the Receiving Office is one happy man. Reason: Success in locating an apartment. Also coming to light is the fact that he is quite a bridge expert.

News comes of two former employees at Letterman. Dorothy Pluid, formerly in the Receiving Office, writes that June 27 has been set as her wedding day and Elise Gardner Christenson, formerly of Registrar's Office dropped in to visit friends at Letterman recently.

Evelyn Belvin of Medical Service is back at her duties after spending one week in Tacoma and Seattle.

Rosellen Kissinger, Sick and Wounded Office, is very delighted over her new Mixmaster and plans great things for it.

Helen Hoffman of Special Services resigned last week to devote her time to her home and garden. What will we do without her?

Anita Vickery of the Laundry is resigning after 11 years service at Letterman. Her friends wish her best wishes and lots of luck.

Jane Lee of the EENT Clinic resigned last week and she and her husband will visit in the East before moving to her husband's new duty station.

"Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

"Sure, son."

"Well, if a doctor is doctoring a doctor, does the doctor doing the doctoring have to doctor the doctor the way the doctor wants to be doctored or does the doctor doctoring the doctor doctor the doctor the way he usually doctors?"

COFFEE COOLERS KEEP CALM WHEN NANCY SERVES 'EM WITH A SMILE



Mrs. NANCY MANUSIA
The genial dispenser of sweet things for those with a sweet tooth.

One department of the hospital where service is always rendered with a smile is the Post Exchange fountain in the main branch here—and behind the smile is Mrs. Nancy Mamusia who has been doling out the ice cream and milk shakes since last September.

Her day begins at 0730 when she puts the coffee on in anticipation of the morning rush almost as soon as the fountain starts operations at 0815. There is a steady stream of customers, some really breakfasting, but most of them picking up the second cup of coffee which time left at home did not permit. And during the rest of the day our people continue to drink coffee. A very conservative estimate has it that some 800 cups of coffee are passed over the counter by Nancy and her two associates in the course of the day.

There are also sandwiches and doughnuts for those who must have a snack with the coffee but the

doughnuts outnumber the sandwiches by more than two to one on an average day. Cokes, shakes, cones, and an occasional sliver of pie also pass over the counter—and a smile with every sale.

Nancy is a native daughter of California and was born in San Jose. Just about 21 years ago she became a housewife and moved up to San Francisco to make her home in the North Beach section. And it is still home for the family, consisting of a husband and 19 year old son who attends San Francisco City College.

North Beach is well known as the habitat of Dino Restelli, the young outfielder on the "Seals" who frequently hits the ball over the left field fence. Dino is a friend and hero to Sal—Nancy's boy—and even she can give you statistics on the batting averages of all the graduates of North Beach now in the big leagues.

Get your brunch or baseball with a smile from Nancy.



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Paul E. Kennedy, a boy, **Joseph Daniel**, born 16 April.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Troy Dickerson, a boy, **Steven James**, born 16 April.

To Major and Mrs. Edwin G. Caudill, a girl, **Aprell M.**, born 17 April.

To Capt. and Mrs. Louis E. Bigelow, a girl, **Jackie Ann**, born 18 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Stelio A. Lovece, a girl, born 18 April.

To Lt./Col. and Mrs. Ralph H. Watson, a girl, **Joan Louise**, born 18 April.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Floyd C. Corbett, a boy, **James John**, born 18 April.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert M. McCartney, a boy, **Morse Rodney**, born 15 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. James Louis Bates, a boy, **Richard Louis**, born 19 April.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph Romeo Servant, a boy, **Ronald Paul**, born 19 April.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Felix Charbonnea, a boy, **Steven John**, born 20 April.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Siles V. Brocks, a boy, **DeVeria Andra**, born 20 April.

To Major and Mrs. Robert A. Linkswiler, a girl, **Carol Sue**, born 20 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Bruce Elwood Barnes, a girl, **Barbara Diane**, born 21 April.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Lloyd Damen, twin girls, **Sally Jean** and **Susan Jane**, born 21 April.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Oliver Sather, a boy, **Jerome Edward**, born 21 April.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Cletus Helfrich, a boy, **Martin Michael**, born 22 April.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Alton C. Williams, a girl, **Carol Ann**, born 22 April.

"Janet," said Sandy to his daughter, "young McTavish has asked for your hand in marriage and I have given my consent."

"But father," cried Janet, "I don't want to leave mother."

"That's all right," replied Sandy. "You can take her with you and welcome."

MEDICAL DETACH

Have you noticed all the burnt cookies around the post? To name them all would take a whole column but a few of them are T/5 Jack Kaler, Sgt. Al Eyles, and S/Sgt. Al Vendouris. Vendouris has even composed a torchy song for the occasion.

T/4 Ed Sans, the jovial jokester of I and E, is seen daily pouring over the used car sections of the morning papers. That "automobile" (using the word loosely) of his stands as a monument to the many other 1931 Chevrolets long since buried.

From a sartorial point of view, Pvt. Charles McClure is an expert. The other night in his sleep he was raving about a double breasted Cardigan. Does that mean a coat?

T/5 Russell Batson is on leave in Washington, D. C., his home. On or about the 3rd of May he is to return to Ft. Mason and from there he will go to the Far East.

As it does to most men, marriage came to M/Sgt. Jim Horton of Troop I and E. His new wife is also a Lettermanite; T/4 Mildred Stech of Out Patients Service. The 14th of April was the date and Reno, Nevada was the place. Their honeymoon took them through Virginia City and Carson City, Nevada, and clear down to Los Angeles.

T/5 LeRoy Hessler, the master mechanic, is still working on the Ford parked next to barracks 563. It seems as if that car has become a part of the permanent surroundings.

T/5 Don Breon has so far rejected all bids for that ideal woman he is looking for as mentioned earlier in this column.

T/4 Monte Catterlin, a new fisherman, has a grand total of five perch and one smelt after eight hours of fishing. Oh yes, he has a blushing red "tan" too.

T/5 Al Dorn and Cpl. Roland Harlow went horseback riding at Redwood City over this past week end. And if Harlow hadn't been a "real Wild West Cowboy," he might have been thrown. As to the horse Dorn had, we don't mention such things.

THE MAN BEHIND THE COUNTER AT OUR PHARMACY KNOWS HIS BUSINESS



Master Sgt. FRANK P. WILLIAMS
Now back in his old role of pill roller.

Temporarily back to his first love in the medical service—pharmacy—is Master Sergeant Frank P. Williams and behind that counter he handles himself and his business like the veteran he is.

Sgt. Williams was born in Galena, Kansas, and after finishing high school in his native town he went on to the University of Kansas at Lawrence where he had his first introduction to pharmacy work. He joined the army at Joplin, Mo., and was sworn in at Fort Leavenworth by the present Colonel Earl Maxwell, our Chief of EENT. He spent the next seven years in the medical detachment at Leavenworth and during that time he made the acquaintance of two others now on the Letterman staff — Colonel Schwartz and Colonel Berry.

In 1938 he was transferred to Fort Lincoln, N. D. and remained for two years before moving over to Fort Lewis and changing his MOS from Pharmacy to Supply. In January 1941 he became first sergeant of the 68th Evacuation Hospital then in training and five months later he was called to active duty on his reserve commission as second lieutenant. That entailed another change and he was sent to Ft. Rosecrans as medical supply officer, detachment commander, and

few other jobs in addition to his other duties.

Come February 1942 he resigned his commission and re-enlisted in the medical department with assignment to Letterman for a short time before going to Torney General Hospital to help organize that outfit with duties in personnel and supply. Another two years and he came back to the bay area and station at Fort Winfield Scott with the QM. While with that branch he assisted in the de-activation of Baxter, Barnes, and Dibble General Hospitals, and on the completion of that chore he went to McCormack General Hospital as a quartermaster.

In July 1947 he re-enlisted in the Medical Department and joined station here in January last. Although qualified as a pharmacist his first love is supply and the sooner he gets back to that MOS the happier he will be.

Medical department soldiers have long been affectionately called "Pill rollers" and Sgt. Williams dates back to the days when it was done by hand. It took skill and experience. Now that it is a machine job he has lost his love for the work.

He prefers Pasadena to San Francisco—but he has his own home there and we hold him blameless for his preference.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

M/Sgt. George Washburn assumed the duties of the Sgt. Major this week as M/Sgt. Howard Holmes left us to accompany a patient to Ohio. The switch was effected with no resulting confusion as George filled that job before he took over the Evacuation Office.

Pfc. Edwin Salke, T/5 Bob Martin and Pfc. Marvin Hayes have a big problem. It seems they have met the same girl and all three are striving for her affections. We understand the girl's name is Elsie—haven't we heard that name before?

The welcome mat rolled out on Tuesday when a hospital car arrived here from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, bringing patients for Letterman, and some familiar faces among our Kilmer "cousins."

One more trainman has forsaken barracks life for married life. This afternoon T/Sgt. Melvin Drasher will wed T/4 Anna Christensen of the WAC Detachment. The time: 4 P. M., the place: Post Chapel. Everyone in the train section is invited to attend. The entire unit wishes the bride and the groom the happiest of years to come.

The maintenance section had a unique experience during the week when a group of school children were given a conducted tour of the Post. Kids love trains and kids have a knack of asking the "darndest" questions!

T/5 Herbert Grindell and Cpl. P. G. Beauchamp made hurried departures for Texas last week when their overseas orders arrived here. On May 3rd they will set sail for Japan from Camp Stoneman.

It will be nice to see T/Sgt. Harry Parsons around again. He has finished his month's duty as Night C.Q. and a "bang-up" good job he did.

When pressure is getting too heavy for Sgt. Donald Chah, he screams for a "Regular Rail." Early morning trips to Fairfield Air Base with patients in addition to his other duties, brought forth "the cry," so next week he will be riding the rails to Danville, Illinois, with a patient after which he will have five days delay.

Troop Information And Education

Through the Armed Forces Radio Service the world is enjoying a glimpse into American life. Operated primarily for the information and entertainment of United States Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel stationed overseas, afloat and ashore, this globe-spanning radio system, which is thoroughly American in language, programs, and direction, is providing the rest of the world with an insight into American mores and customs. By its entertainment and unbiased presentation of information, it is building up a reservoir of good will among millions of foreign listeners.

To the serviceman overseas, of course, these programs are no different from those he would hear at home, except for the fact they do not contain commercials. They include the top-drawer items of American radio—its leading orchestras, singers, and humorists, its best dialogues, newscasts, sports events, and educational. But to the people from other lands, long accustomed to the more serious, and often ponderous, bills of fare supplied by the state-controlled radio, this concentration upon the lighter side comes as a pleasant surprise.

While the AFRS is unappreciative of these foreign audiences, programs continue to be directed primarily to the United States soldier, sailor and marine. At present the emphasis is toward a greater amount of information and education. Original information radio programs are specifically designed, written and produced to fulfill the Troop Information and Education mission. These programs bring to the attention of servicemen and women facts and incidents that illustrate American ideals of government, democracy, tolerance, fellowship, and good citizenship. They deal with such vital problems as soldier conduct, pride of unit and of nation, national and international issues, and the understanding of our basic freedoms. Outstanding educational and public service radio programs regularly heard in the United States are transcribed for AFRS outlets and station program managers are able to give balance to their predominantly musical and entertainment programs. — Lt. Col. Wm. H. Baumer, Army Information Digest.

Letterman Keglers Activities

1. Results of games bowled Wednesday evening, 28 April:

TEAM	1st Game	2d Game	3d Game
Administration Building.....	754	713	683
Operating Room.....	723	654	665
Detachment 9956.....	757	688	757
Supply Division.....	695	724	773
Band.....	760	674	812
Hospital Mess.....	794	787	793
Physical Medicine.....	819	816	749
Convalescent Services.....	866	781	760

2. League standings after games of 28 April:

TEAM	Games	Games Won	Games Lost
Administration Building.....	39	24	15
Supply Division.....	39	23	16
Band.....	39	21	18
Convalescent Services.....	39	19	20
Hospital Mess.....	39	19	20
Detachment 9956.....	39	18	21
Physical Medicine.....	39	17	22
Operating Room.....	39	15	24



(By Armed Forces Press Service)

The world of sports contains many ex-servicemen and more than a few of them are making a record for themselves. One in particular, Lou Brissie, is presently a rookie pitcher with the Philadelphia Athletics. Whether or not he makes good is still to be seen, but his story is worth telling, regardless of whether he makes good.

Lou had been scouted prior to the war, but before his big break came the 6-feet-4-inch, 215-pound lefthander from South Carolina had joined Uncle Sam's "big team."

It was in Italy that Corporal Lou Brissie's career was nearly finished before it really got started. In action with a mountain infantry outfit, he was hit by a shell burst and wounded in twenty places. Shell fragments tore his hands and right shoulder. Both feet and his left leg were broken and his left ankle was smashed. His port side was so badly torn up it looked like curtains for his pitching career.

Doctors gave Brissie little encouragement. They advised amputation of the left leg, saying that otherwise he would be hospitalized indefinitely and would have to undergo numerous operations. Even then there would be little chance for complete recovery. Lou decided to take that chance.

Twenty-three operations were performed on the injured ball player and over two years was spent in hospital beds. Then, on pass from an Army hospital, Brissie hobbled into Shibe Park to see Connie Mack. He was still on crutches, but promised Mr. McGillicuddy that he would see him in Florida the following Spring.

When the Athletics and Connie Mack arrived in the Southland last year, there was Brissie—minus the crutches—but wearing a shin guard over his bad leg.

That leg was his downfall last Spring. During the pre-season exhibition games Lou was good for only an inning or two before it weakened and caused him to lose control. Mack farmed him out to Savannah where, as his leg began to strengthen, his sharp curve and blazing fast ball began to win games. He had chalked up twenty-three victories when Mack called him up from the farm last September. In the big time he made one start against the World Champion Yankees and although the A's lost 5-3, Connie was more than satisfied with Lou's showing.

Now the question is, will Lou Brissie's left leg hold up through a major league season? Will success make worthwhile the long months of pain and hospitalization?

Connie Mack thinks so. He's booming Brissie as the "Rookie of the Year."

Answering the Veterans' Queries

Unless veterans attending college and universities under the G-I Bill notify Veterans Administration within 30 days before the end of a term or semester that they do not want to take leave, VA automatically will place them on 15 days leave.

VA explained that veterans in colleges and universities are placed on subsistence rolls from the date of enrollment until 15 days after the close of the term or semester.

This automatic 15-day leave policy makes it possible for veterans studying under the accelerated program to receive unbroken subsistence payments between terms or semesters.

The deadline for application for vehicles at Government expense under the "autos for amputees" program is June 30. Eligible veterans should submit their applications to VA at least 15 days prior to the deadline to allow ample time for processing.

The law provides an automobile or other conveyance at a cost not to exceed \$1,600, for any World War II veteran who lost, or lost the use of, one or both legs at or above the ankle as the result of service incurred injuries.

Question: My son was killed in action during World War II, and I would like to know if I am entitled to receive compensation?

Answer: You are entitled to compensation, provided dependency can be shown. Dependency will be held to exist if you do not have sufficient income to provide reasonable maintenance for yourself and your family.

Question: My son, who is in a Veterans Administration hospital, is trying to get a pass to visit me. Will Veterans Administration pay for his transportation to and from the hospital?

Answer: No. All travel while on leave from a Veterans Administration hospital is at the expense of the veteran.

Question: How are places of job-training approved under the G.I. Bill and how does a veteran find out what establishments are approved?

Answer: Training establishments are approved by state approving agencies for job-training under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G. I. Bill). All VA offices maintain a list of approved establishments in the area in which they are located.



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Air Force Announces New Program for Officers and EM

A tentative Airman program has been announced by the Air Force which will establish a systematic plan of assignment, training, and advancement of enlisted personnel in new fields of specialization and responsibility. It is planned that the program will be put into operation, by phases, on a world wide basis.

The principal elements of the plan include (1) conversion of grade titles; (2) grouping of related military occupational specialties in fields; (3) analysis of required jobs and minimum standards; (4) increase in authorized strength of Warrant Officers to which enlisted men may advance, and (5) revision of training programs.

During the early part of the interim period following the cessation of hostilities, officers were retained on active duty by signing category statement. Most of them have remained as long as the requirement has existed. But it now becomes necessary to establish definite periods of extended tours of active duty.

The new Air Force Service statement, which will replace the categories, is a statement signed by all concerned, signifying election to remain on active duty for a specified period. No definite policy is contemplated in reference to maximum age in grade.

All officers, currently category I, will have to apply for service statement before 1 July 1948, or indicate that they do not wish to apply. This, however, does not include hospitalized officers who may, if they desire, defer action until they are reported available for duty. At such time they must apply through the hospital USAF liaison office.



FOUR CIVILIANS RECEIVE AWARDS
from the Department of the Army for Meritorious Service. Their certificates were presented to them by Brigadier General Dean F. Winn. L to R.: General Winn, Beulah Stuart, Leah Frisby, Alessandrina Pagani and Mary F. Parry.

GENERAL WINN PRESENTS AWARDS

Four civilian employees of Letterman were presented last week with the Department of the Army's "Commendation for Meritorious Civilian Service," in an informal ceremony in the office of the Commanding General. Brigadier General Dean F. Winn made the presentation.

Those who received the awards were Hazel Stuart, secretary to the Chief of the Medical Service; Leah Frisby, head librarian; Alessandrina Pagani, supervising expeditor, LGH laundry, and Mary F. Parry, civilian in charge of clerical work at the

laundry. Miss Stuart has been at Letterman since 1935; Mrs. Parry continuously since 1941, and before that from 1921 to 1927. Mrs. Pagani came to Letterman in 1941 and Mrs. Frisby in 1945.

These awards are an official commendation for "outstanding performance of duty," and are given for exceptionally faithful and efficient service." Both Mrs. Frisby and Mrs. Pagani, both of whom supervise the work of other employees, said they wished to give credit to their co-workers for their assistance in maintaining the standards which earned the awards.

Clinical Physicians To Receive New Residency Training

The Surgeon General announces the establishment of a residency training program for clinical physicians to begin operation at Madigan and Percy Jones General Hospitals 1 July 1948. The term "Clinical Physicians" has been selected to designate all Army physicians who do not limit their practice to one of the special fields of medicine or surgery or are in training which will qualify them for such limitation. It is to this large and important group of officers that The Surgeon General desires to offer the opportunity for advanced professional training, thereby enhancing their knowledge and ability in a manner similar to those who seek to become experts in the special fields.

The program is designed to provide a systematic course of instruction of all aspects of modern medical and surgical practice including diagnosis and therapeutics together with the ability to apply this knowledge in all cases not requiring prolonged experience in a limited field.

The scope will include periods of training and experience in thirteen of the special fields of medicine and surgery, covering a total of three years. During this period the resident will receive instruction by qualified teachers in the various special fields. The mechanisms and methods will be the same as those provided for residents in the specialties. Emphasis will be placed upon the recognition and care of a large variety of human illnesses rather than upon experience with a large volume of a few pathological conditions. No effort will be made to utilize this program as a precursor to specialist training. However, selected individuals who desire to pursue training in one of the

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Check That Information - - It May Be Just Another Rumor

The destructive effects of rumor were clearly demonstrated many times during the recent war. In peacetime, too, rumors spread dangerous misinformation and injure public morale. During the war considerable energy was devoted to combating rumor, both within the service and in the civilian population.

Understanding the nature of rumor is particularly important to military personnel. A recent Armed Forces Talk, issued by the Department of the Army, deals with the danger of rumor. Its purpose is to help military personnel to be rumor-conscious, to encourage a healthy scepticism in the face of unsupported stories, and to show the necessity of checking up on such stories.

The "Talk" cites an imaginary incident which might have taken place on any military installation.

Bill, who works in supply, delivers some medical items to the dispensary. While waiting for a receipt, he steps outside for a cigarette. When smoke gets down his windpipe he starts to cough. At that moment his friend, Carl, who is passing by, sees him.

Since Carl is the kind of person who worries a lot, he assumes that Bill is on sick call and wonders why. Recalling how flat-chested Bill is, he is struck with the idea that Bill "probably" has T. B.

True to type, Carl must now share his worry with someone else. So he says to Dick, whom he meets: "Just saw Bill on sick call. He has a terrible cough. Wonder if it's T. B."

Dick later passes the "news" along to Earl: "The doctors are examining Bill. They think he may have T. B."

Earl then tells Fred: "Bill is in the hospital, very ill with T. B. (Note the ideas "doctors" and "T. B." have led Earl to add a third idea, "hospital," and to conclude that Bill is hospitalized.)"

Fred relays the "news" to Gene, who works with Bill in supply: "Just heard that your boss, Bill, is being sent away with T. B. Wonder who'll get his job?"

Gene immediately thinks of his friend, Hank, who is next in line under Bill. He rushes into supply and tells everyone that Bill is being sent away with T. B. and that Hank will probably be the new boss. Since Hank is much better liked than Bill, the fellows want to believe the story. The final version is that Bill has been busted, that



he is being transferred, and that Hank is to take over his job, beginning immediately. By now, the T. B. story has been completely lost.

That is how a rumor grows. A rumor, the dictionary tells us, is "a story or report current without any known authority for its truth." It is a story that goes from mouth to mouth and purports to give certain information, but for which there is in reality no evidence other than hearsay. It is generally based on half-truth or on no truth at all.

Psychologists tell us that most of us, at certain times, unconsciously enjoy spreading rumors. Why is this?

Part of the answer is that some people like to be first with the news. But, more important, rumors do four things for those who spread them: they tend to supply answers to important questions, they furnish excuses for actions, they give release to pent-up emotions, and they make the teller feel important.

Rumors may be roughly divided into three kinds: fear rumors, wish

rumors and hate rumors. They thrive when there is widespread uncertainty about the facts of something important. A person who desires to appear important can take one or two loosely related facts, put his own interpretation upon them, as in the case of Bill and his mythical T. B., and as the story passes from one person to another, it gains momentum and loses any resemblance to fact which it might originally have had.

In retelling information, the individual tends to change their details through interpretation, omission, addition, and fitting them into his own usual pattern of thinking.

When you ask yourself "Just how much harm do rumors do?" follow that question up with another "Does passing along a rumor hurt me? And the answer to that one is "Yes, it does." Most of us rise or fall on the basis of our reputations—on what people think of us. If people can depend on what we say as true, our reputations, and hence our chances of getting ahead in life, are

heightened. But if a man is habitually a "fall guy" for rumors it will soon be said of him "You can't depend on what he says." He may enjoy being the first with the news, but he will be hurting himself.

Rumor can hurt individuals; it can also drive wedges between friendly nations, both in peace and war. A high official of our Government who spent more than two years in Great Britain during the war said that he knew "from first-hand observation that irritations and bad feelings on both sides of the water has been caused by the circulation of rumor, untruths, and half-truths much more than by any real differences."

When we face the question "How can we avoid being 'taken in' by rumors, and how can we check their spread?" there is no sure answer, for rumors are as complicated as the human mind. But here are some helpful suggestions:

Get the facts. Knowledge is the greatest of all antidotes for rumor. If somebody tells you something about which you have the facts, and the facts are at odds with the story, you can set him straight and squelch the rumor. Getting the facts means getting the full facts. It means hearing more than a few words of a newscast or reading the headlines of a paper. Getting the facts also means going to the source of facts whenever possible.

Keep a sceptical attitude. Be "from Missouri" on the tall tales you hear. Ask yourself "Is that likely?" "Is it probable?" Asking a few questions of the story-teller may help. And if you can cause the rumormonger to question his own story, you may be able to interest him in joining you to find out the facts.

Find out who brought the news. If a startling piece of news can be traced to a well-known rumormonger, you will have good reason to doubt it.

Laugh it off. Ridicule helps kill rumor. Some people who can't easily be reasoned with, will not be likely to repeat a story that earns ridicule.

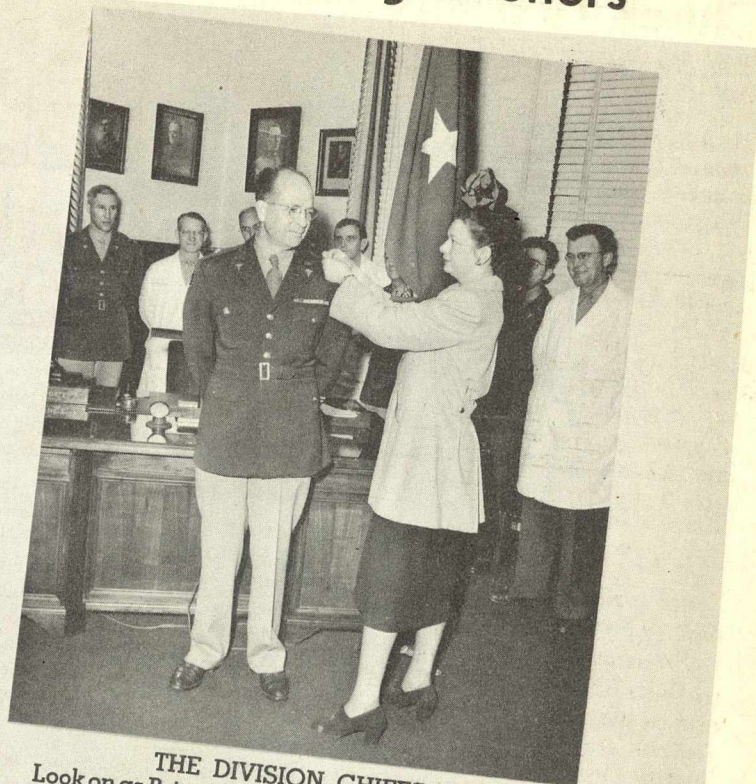
Be rumor-wise. By playing the game of trying to spot rumors and by remembering that when facts are scarce one is most likely to believe rumors, you will lessen the chances of being "taken in."

During the war civilian and military agencies of the Government
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Letterman Medical Officers Receive High Honors



THE FIRST LADY
Of the Letterman command pins the stars on the shoulder loop of the Commanding General.



THE DIVISION CHIEFS
Look on as Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton receives the insignia of his rank from the hands of Mrs. Heaton.



DR. HUGH J. MORGAN
War time Brigadier General and Chief Medical Consultant awards the James D. Bruce Medal for outstanding work in preventive medicine to Brigadier General James S. Simmons, US Army, retired, and present dean of Harvard Medical School.



DR. LITTERAL CONGRATULATES DR. SWANSON
Or vice versa--on their election to fellowships in the American College of Physicians.

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EDITORIAL

MOTHER'S DAY

Tomorrow is Mother's Day, the day on which it has become the custom to offer to our mothers some special remembrance that tells her of our love for her and our gratitude for all she has done for us.

No matter how much we do for our mothers in the course of our lives, we must always still be in her debt. She loves us with the kind of love that no one else gives us. She has watched over us with special tenderness, guided us in youth to the best of her ability so that in maturity we will be well fitted to deal capably with the problems which confront us.

Most of our precious childhood memories are of things our mothers did for us. When we had special wishes she granted them. We turned to her for sympathetic understanding of our problems, and she never failed us.

She values our remembrance of her on Mother's Day out of all proportion to the gift we offer as a token of our love and affection. The gift is important, because it gives her pleasure not only when she receives it but every time she uses it, but the thoughtfulness is more important. It tells her that we have not forgotten, in our busy daily round, the one who was once the most important person in our lives.



The Women's Bowling League got in full swing Monday evening after Brigadier General Winn bowled the first ball. The competitive spirit ran high with loyalties divided. P.T.'s, Nurses, Enlisted WACS and WAC Officers were all geared for high scores, with the winners Enlisted WAC II, WAC Officers, and Nurses Team II. Capt. Young was the high bowler and from all side remarks "she bowls a pretty game."

In the quiet beauty and serenity of the Presidio Chapel, Capt. Lois Dimmerling and Lieut. William Learned of the Sixth Army will be wed today at 3:30 p. m. Following a reception at the Presidio Officers' Club, the couple will leave for Monterey, where the sun shine and time stands still.

A welcome to Capt. Leola Clark, Capt. Dorothea McCarty, Lieut. Helen Reilly, Lieut. Anne Henning, 2nd Lieut. Mary Herbert and 2nd Lieut. Marie Gutowski, who have joined the nurses staff. May their stay be a happy and memorable one.

The Nurses Recreation Hall was the scene of a bridal shower for Lieut. Doris Peter, who is now Mrs. Alfred Garcia, Jr. Flowers, gifts and gaiety were the note of the day.

Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff will generously give her services to any one of the bowling teams who want a "champion handicapper." Her scores are so phenomenal that quoting them would jeopardize her national standing.

Lieut. Virginia Whitcomb, Lieut. Margaret Williams, Capt. Marie Pace and Lieut. Anne Silber, are all on well earned leaves in the East where changes in temperature are a reality.

Capt. Velma Richardson and Lieut. Margaret Bohm attended the Northern California Home Economics Conference at Sacramento where Capt. Richardson spoke on "Careers for Hospital Dietitians." In the afternoon she met with representatives from various colleges and universities where the different phases were more thoroughly discussed on an informal and friendly basis.

WAC

T/4 Ann Christianson and T/Sgt. Melvin Drasher exchanged nuptial vows in a double ring ceremony at the Chapel on the Hill last Saturday. T/4 Leatrice Lamascus was the maid-of-honor for the occasion. Here's wishing the newlyweds the best of everything.

T/4 Martha Shortle is a handy individual to have around the barracks—especially when the plumbing system goes awry. Just give her a coat hanger and a little time, and the job will be done.

T/3 Henrietta Callari had great plans for rising early and going fishing early Sunday morning. The only snag she encountered was in setting her alarm clock—it sounded off promptly at five o'clock—Sunday night. Better luck next time!

Word has been circulated that T/Sgt. Myrtle Gragg has a wonderful store of delicacies up in barracks 212. Anybody hungry?

T/3 Virginia Hill had the amazing luck (?) of getting a winner in every race she bet on at Bay Meadows the other day. Tell us, Ginnie, how do you do it?

T/4 Carolyn Fix made her debut with the San Francisco Symphony Municipal Chorus recently. Who says we ain't cultured?

A hearty welcome is extended to Sgt. Betty Stahl, a recent addition to the WAC detachment. She was formerly in patient status here at Letterman, but is now working in X-Ray Therapy.

T/4 Billie Maples can be seen almost any day polishing up her billiard game in the day room. Don't get behind that "8" ball, Billie.

Always looking for beauty aids, we saw S/Sgt. Corrine Cooper giving T/4 Ella Dodson a cold wave. Line forms to the right, girls.

First Sgt. Nellie Johnson and S/Sgt. Olive Deal, entering into the spirit of California Spring, attended the flower show in Oakland last Saturday.

Judging from the number of WACs on the softball team who have sustained sore and stiff muscles while playing ball, this game must be quite rugged. Is there a physical therapist who would be willing to devote some time and effort for the cause? Speaking of softball, 1st Lt. Frances Harlee donned her ball-playing clothes and

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, 9 May, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

European Visitors

Two European representatives of the Red Cross, Miss Cornelia Baltussen, from the Netherlands, and Miss Albinia Ivy Ross, from Great Britain, were Letterman visitors this week. Their interest in the Red Cross activities at Letterman included both the Social Service and the Recreational Service. They were particularly interested in the integration of these services with military activities.

Miss Ross and Miss Baltussen were sent from their respective countries to the International Conference of Social Work held recently in Atlantic City. After the conference they were invited to be members of an International Study Group and to remain in the United States for a few weeks.

They have both expressed their enthusiasm at being assigned to the Pacific Coast, and particularly for being allotted time for a review of the organization's activities at Letterman.

Both Miss Ross and Miss Baltussen were surprised and happy to find a number of old acquaintances among the Letterman patients.

played with the team last Friday when the regular line-up fell short of the necessary nine payers.

First Lieut. Adele Montean is the proud possessor of a stable of three horses. However, these horses present no housing problem, because they are carved of wood, and are at present happily esconced on Lieut. Montean's desk. They were a birthday present from a friend in the East.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ELSIE PAULSON
Staff Sergeant

The month of June will ring down the curtain on a five-year tour of active duty for S/Sgt. Elsie Paulson. The first scene took place in Duluth, Minnesota, which is her home and the place where she enlisted.

She was sent to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for basic training. When that was completed she moved to Fort Meade, Maryland. Her work was in an Army Post Office, where she helped sort and distribute mail for the entire post.

After one year in Maryland the scene shifted to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and Overseas Training. The preparation and instruction was invaluable, for Elsie was soon shipped into the Pacific Theatre of Operations. While the trips to and from New Guinea and the Philippines did not prove too interesting, Sergeant Paulson did enjoy seeing the islands.

While overseas Elsie worked in the Bay Censorship office. Her duties included censoring of incoming and outgoing mail as well as receiving and forwarding packages and letters for that area. That in itself was a tremendous job, for in 1944 and early 1945 the fighting still raged through the Pacific.

In January 1946 our scene is again in the States, where Sergeant Paulson had been assigned to Fort Custer, Michigan. There she worked for two years at Percy Jones General Hospital in Patient Personnel. At Letterman since January 1948, Elsie has been working in Military Personnel, 201 Records Section.

Jane: "Following the Leap Year tradition, I hugged him, kissed him and looked tenderly into his eyes."

Joan: "Did you tell him that you loved him?"

Jane: "Don't be silly. I'm playing hard to get."

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

We all wonder why Cpl. Elmer Duram of ward K-2 was pounding on a window of that ward at 2:00 in the morning the other day. "If he had to pound on a window," says Cpl. Arthur F. Larson, "why in the world did he have to pick my window?"

Lt. William E. Martin of ward A-2 is endowed with many talents which are not known to the general public. Among the more prominent of these are art and a very well developed tenor voice which rings out loud and clear when he believes himself to be alone. These talents, however, are largely concealed by his quiet manner.

M/Sgt. Karl Sorenson, who is now on ward 28, is in the process of completing a very beautiful pair of matched plexi-glass boudoir table lamps. Sgt. Sorenson has been working on these lamps for a little over three weeks and hopes to complete them in time to give them as a Mother's Day gift.

M/Sgt. Robert W. De Kollins from ward K-3 is frequently found in ward K-2 trying to crash a bridge game. Probably no bridge players on ward K-3. Sgt. De Kollins is the one with the pronounced southern accent who claims to be from Flint, Michigan.

Capt. Eric A. Vogt, who is on ward M-2, is also occupied with the making of plexi-glass table lamps. He had almost finished one lamp, when his fiancée decided that she wanted to have a pair of them. At present Captain Vogt is trying to make the second lamp match the first. One trouble which he is having is in trying to eliminate the bubbles which enter the picture every time he glues two pieces of plexi-glass together.

Ward K-2 is a very bridge-conscious ward. The ward members are always looking for someone against whom they can pit their bridge-playing talents. Some of the more professional of these players are Cpl. Albert R. Fournier and Cpl. Arthur Larson. Incidentally these two claim that they can (or at least can try to) beat anyone who wishes to challenge their prowess in the game of bridge.

Someone—the whole ward would like to know who—came into ward

E-1 the other night and borrowed ten dollars from Cpl. Benjamin Walters. He came in at 2 a. m. and while he was trying to wake up Cpl. Walters he woke up most of the rest of the ward.

Sgt. Walter Abel of ward 41 had quite a hectic week-end last week. He decided that he would go to San Jose to see his uncle. However, when he arrived there he found that his uncle had come to San Francisco to see him. When he found this out, Sgt. Abel immediately started back to San Francisco. He was half way back when he decided to stop to eat and who do you think he saw in the restaurant? Yes, you guessed it; it was his uncle.

Every morning on ward E-1, just after breakfast, you can observe everyone making a mad rush for the PX or the PX Grill and no one knew just why. Well, here is the answer. Every morning just after breakfast unrolled bandages are given to any one who is on the ward so that they can roll them up. In order to keep from doing this, everyone "takes off" to the PX.

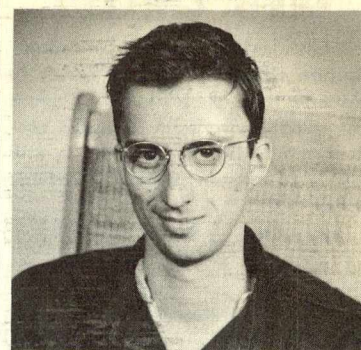
Oliver Wilson of ward K-2 put his knowledge to good use. He went to a radio quiz at a San Francisco studio. He must have had the right answer at the right time because he is now one five dollar bill richer than when he went to the show. How about the Quiz Show every Tuesday and Thursday at the Recreation Hall? Maybe you could come over and win some of those silver dollars. And that goes for anyone else who thinks he may have the right answer.

Pfc. Buster Bailey and Pvt. Buck Golson, both patients on ward 42, are now the happy owners of a shepherd pup each, the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Flynn of Ben Lomond, who drove to San Francisco this week to present the pups to Buster and Buck.

MORE ABOUT
CLINICAL PHYSICIANS

limited fields after its completion, may make application for such training. Likewise no attempt is being made to qualify clinical physician residents for certification by an American Board or similar agency.

ON THE SPOT



ALBERT FOURNIER
Corporal

The smile, fast talk, and quick sense of humor which is so characteristic of people from the East is pronounced in Corporal Albert Fournier of Boston, Massachusetts. Before entering the Army, Al worked with his father as a carpenter and builder.

Came February 1946 and Fournier joined the Air Force. His basic was taken in San Antonio, Texas. From there he was shipped to Automotive Mechanics School at Lowry Field, Colorado.

The third field to claim him was Selfridge—in Michigan. Here he served an interrupted tour working as a "Mechanic, Automotive, Wheel Vehicle." The interruption was spent at Percy Jones General Hospital for treatment for his eyes.

In June 1947 Al was sent to Merced, California, making a grand circuit of nearly 5000 miles around the States. Letterman became his home in November of that same year. Currently he is a patient on Ward K-2.

This last week Fournier was to receive a CDD and be transferred to a Veterans Hospital. And when he finds time, he plans to avail himself of the G. I. Bill to study music, including arranging and composing. It is his hope to some day become a graduate of Boston Conservatory, and a conductor.

A favorite pastime is listening to classical music. Al's comment was, "It's more of a full time than pastime job." And it truthfully can be said that Al has enjoyed Letterman. In fact he states, "I've had the best time in my life."

Football captain: "Well, coach, we are going to give you a victory for your birthday."

Coach: "Good. I was expecting the usual tie."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Kay Perrine of the Laboratory Section claims it is much easier to learn to fly a plane than to drive a car. She knows—she has her student pilot's license, but she is still trying to master the art of driving a car.

Jeanne Struck of Sick and Wounded office is a very happy person these days. Her husband's paintings were exhibited recently at a one-man show in Santa Barbara, and now plans are being made for another showing of his work in the near future at Gump's here in San Francisco.

George Hanson and Dennis Brousal got their fishing season off to a good start during their recent fishing trip to Pescadero. George came home with 12 trout; Dennis went him one better and got 13.

Emily Knapp of Dental Clinic has been learning the techniques of leather work, and has made three wallets in the past two weeks.

A newcomer was recently welcomed to the Dental Clinic office—Alice Driscoll, formerly on duty at Notre Dame Hospital.

Judy Bean of Military Personnel played a lucky game of Bingo at the Officers' Club last week and came away with \$12. She won not once, but twice!

Bernice "Dixie" Dixon of the Post Exchange is in Boston, spending a three-week leave with her mother. She made the trip by bus, and says it was fun.

Three new additions to the Post Exchange staff—Ruth Snyder, Cline Beckman and Johnny English.

Jo East of the PX is on a week's leave, most of which she expects to spend in the dentist's chair. Better luck next leave, we hope.

John Egan of Grounds and Maintenance maintains that there is no Blarney Stone in Ireland. This might mean that he brought it with him when he left the Emerald Isle, for Johnny is from County Kerry and proud of it, naturally. From the reports we hear about him, he probably has got said Blarney Stone cached away somewhere nearby.

Judge: "I understand that the two men were fighting, hitting each other with chairs. Why didn't you try to make peace between them?"

Witness: "There wasn't another chair in the room."

A 9,000 MILE TRIP AROUND THE U. S. HASN'T DULLED HER TRAVEL APPETITE



Miss JUDY BEAN
Designs handsome silver jewelry.

A newcomer at Letterman, but not a newcomer to Army ways, is Miss Judy Bean, who came here last month and is on duty in the Officers Section of Military Personnel. Judy is a former WAC officer, and if her plans work out and the bill is passed to make the WAC a part of the Regular Army, she intends to get into uniform again.

During her tour of duty in the WAC she kept hoping for an overseas assignment. It didn't materialize, but since Hope is one of her given names, she hasn't given up.

Judy was born in Boston, but lived in Montreal, Canada, until she was nine years old. Then the family returned to the vicinity of Boston, making their home at Melrose, Mass. Before she joined the Army she was assistant buyer of handbags and leather goods in a Boston department store.

She entered the WAC in 1942 and received her basic training at Fort Des Moines. Her first duty assignment was in the Overseas Replacement Depot at Des Moines. She served for a time with the Air Force in Boston, then went to OCS at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. After receiving her commission she remained at Oglethorpe as Personnel officer until she received her dis-

charge at which time she held the rank of 1st Lieutenant. It was effective on New Year's Day, 1945, and she says she celebrated the event with all the appropriate New Year trimmings.

Judy wanted to become a doctor, and immediately began a pre-med course at Simmons College. These plans were changed, however, and when she finished the term, she began a series of trips which eventually covered 9,000 miles. Her wanderings took her to most of the large cities in the U. S. She spent some time in the South, then last summer drove west with friends, and for the last few months before coming to Letterman, worked in a bookshop in Olympia, Washington, as book buyer.

This is her first time in California, and she likes it very much. She likes San Francisco's little shops and quaint houses, and says she has already "walked all over the Presidio grounds."

One of her major interests is designing jewelry, and she wears a distinctive silver ring which she designed and made. When she first became interested in the subject, she took a fine arts course at the Boston Museum. She has designed and made settings for sapphires, opals and intaglios.

WACS Will Observe Sixth Anniversary

(AFPS)—On May 14, the Women's Army Corps will mark the sixth anniversary of its establishment. At the same time its members, the WACS, will face the prospect of remaining only a part of the reserve component of America's military organization. This is due to the recent rejection by the House of the Senate-approved plan to permit women to join the Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

Since the end of the war, the tide has swung one way and then the other in the attempt to have the women's auxiliaries incorporated into the Regulars.

Last July, leaders of the Armed Forces advocated components into the Regular Services, and this was approved by the Senate. However, the House Armed Service Committee rejected the proposal. This was sustained by a vote of 66 to 40 in the House.

Representative Paul W. Shafer (Mich.), floor manager of the bill, stressed the fact that while the "happy solution seems to be to put women in Reserve status at present," they will have the same opportunities, pay, allowances and benefits as they would have as Regulars.

WAC Softball

The Letterman WAC Softball team was victorious in two out of the three games played last weekend. The Presidio team defeated Letterman by a score of 6-2 Friday, 30 April, but not giving up easily, the home team rallied with two wins over the visiting Fort Ord Team. The Letterman WACs claimed a shut-out game Saturday, with a score of 12-0, and scored 12 runs to their opponents' six in the game Sunday.

Among those "spectating" was our Commanding General, Brigadier General Dean F. Winn.

The Stork Was Here

To Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. William T. Mosley, a girl, Barbara Eileen, born 29 April.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Charles E. Massengale, a girl, Nancy Jane, born 29 April.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Clodie R. Campbell, a boy, David Karin, born 29 April.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Ford A. Saville, a girl, Sherry Lyn, born 20 April.

MEDICAL DETACH

Smiling Sgt. Jim Hillyard (no relation to Singing Sam) returned this week from a furlough which took him through Washington, Montana, Illinois, Washington, D. C., and finally to his home, West Virginia.

The detachment softball team took a quicky from Fort Ord last Sunday. They had to redeem themselves for losing to the same team on Saturday. The Sunday game was witnessed by Brigadier General Dean F. Winn. A partial roster of the players includes: T/5 George Margheim, T/5 Ellis McDiffet, T/5 Lloyd Woodberry, Cpl. Marion Wells, T/5 Donald Breon, Pfc. Henry Atkinson, Pfc. William Maxwell, Pfc. Robert Clark and Pfc. Michael O'Toole.

First Sgt. Kenneth Robbins of Troop Information and Education last week became the father of a 2½ year-old, 50-lb. baby boy! Both are doing well.

Pfc. James Ellis bought a car in January. Really we shouldn't say car, but rather a 1929 Chevy with four bad tires. Nevertheless, six days after it was purchased the axel broke. When that was fixed the battery went dead. And it's understood that the car hasn't moved for the last four months.

S/Sgt. Al Vendouris of the Message Center will shortly announce his engagement to Miss Mary Costa of this city. The wedding is still a few months away.

The penny-ante poker players are at it again. The current talk has shifted from horse racing to cards. Everyone keeps looking for the 'bug.' Looks like they all have it anyway.

Sgt. William Edward Sans, whenever he needs added support, shouts to a confederate, "Tell 'em what happened in New York." For a long time, his buddies have been trying to find out 'what happened in New York.' One rumor has it that he used to box . . . grapefruit, that is.

Check this: T/5 Al Dorn counting his time left in the army on his fingers and toes. T/5 Tony Tangorra's "Please don't mess my hair up. No, no, no, no! Aw, heck." Sgt. Al Eyles' "I'll kill you, you hear me, I'll kill you. Hey, get off my back, I want to kill you."

HE HAS SPENT 13 YEARS IN THE ARMY AND CALLS LGH THE "BEST POST"



Lieut. Col. WILBUR C. BERRY, MC
Chief of Officers' Section, LGH Medical Service

Lieut. Col. Wilbur C. Berry, MC, is not a man who likes to talk about himself, and when he is persuaded to do so, he sticks to facts unembroidered by details. In a word, he is reticent, but it's easy to detect a happy sense of humor lurking behind the reticence.

Colonel Berry was born in Tyn-dall, South Dakota. He attended the University of South Dakota, and received his M. D. from Creighton University, in Omaha, Nebraska. He began his Army career immediately, intern-ing in 1935 at the station hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He then attended courses at the Army Medical School and at the Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. These courses occupied the period between September 1936 and June 1937, and Colonel Berry was then assigned to duty at the station hospital at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he remained for the next two years.

In 1939 he went to the Philippines, and was on duty at Stern-berg Hospital. He was still in the Philippines when the Pearl Harbor attack came, and was taken prisoner by the Japanese at Bataan in April 1942. He was taken to Japan in March of 1944, and was finally liberated on 4 September 1945.

Three weeks later he returned to the United States by plane, and spent the next three months as a patient at Brooke General Hospital in Texas.

He returned to duty in February 1946, and was assigned to the Medical Service at Brooke, where he remained until the following June.

Colonel Berry came to Letterman after leaving Brooke, and next month will complete two years on duty here. Shortly after his arrival he took a four-month course in basic science at the University of California. Here at Letterman he is chief of the Officers' Section of the Medical Service.

Colonel Berry and his wife have three daughters: Peggy, Jean and Patricia Ann. His wife and their two older children were in the Philippines with him, but fortunately they left before the outbreak of hostilities, and during the war they made their home in San Antonio. Colonel Berry says the family enjoys living here on the post, to which he refers as "the best in the Army." The colonel's favorite pastime is fishing, a diversion for which he hasn't had much time lately, but he intends to do something about that.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Hospital Ship "HOPE" docks this week end with approximately 100 patients. She is completing a circuitous route throughout the Pacific and made her first port of entry to the U. S. at Seattle before sailing here. She will set sail again on 18 May to bring back more patients.

Lt. Col. Wilson T. Smith, Commanding Officer, Hospital Train Section, took his first three-day pass this week to move his family to more adequate quarters in Bldg. T-1125. Moving is no fun and the Colonel has a slightly damaged back to prove it.

First Sgt. Sol Allen, Transportation Office, had his headaches this week trying to get patients to all parts of the country before the railroad strike becomes effective. The Air Forces may have to help him get the patients from the "HOPE" to their destinations. What will happen Sol, if some patient refuses to fly or for medical reasons are unable to fly?

First Sgt. Frank O'Connor broke his finger playing softball last Sunday, which rendered his right hand useless. These old men will insist on playing games intended for young men.

The Transportation Office has been enlarged even to the addition of a new civilian employee. Welcome to the Train Section Dorothy Ragle. We understand she has had a bit of experience in this type of work.

It seemed odd but pleasant last week-end when we had WACS living in this area. They were members of a softball team from Fort Ord and they made their home in C-35.

Sgt. Witt George left the Detachment Office this week to go to Stoneman en route to Korea. Korea may not be like heaven but he will get the most out of the country.

The family and the dinner guest had seated themselves at the table.

"Betty," said the mother. "Why on earth didn't you put a knife and fork at Mr. White's place?"

"He doesn't need them," replied Betty. "Daddy said he eats like a horse."

Troop Information And Education

There was once a time when it was considered adequate to learn a minimum amount of shorthand and typewriting in order to qualify for a so called "office" position. The day when a person could walk into a good job with such a background is gone.

Those who wish to enter the clerical field are now advised to gain an "all around" ability for their work. In a small business, a single person may have sole responsibility for keeping the records and accounts straight. In larger businesses, the keeping of books is broken down into parts. There may be a billing clerk or department, a collection clerk or department, and so on. Then again one may be asked to double as both bookkeeper and typist. Many routine functions are carried out in modern offices with the aid of machines.

A four year commercial course in high school, a one year or two-year course in business college or training on the job will usually provide the necessary training. Desirable preparatory subjects are business arithmetic, business English, commercial law, business organization, bookkeeping, typing, and courses in the operation of office machinery—such as comptometry, bookkeeping, calculating, and adding machines.

The United States Armed Forces Institute offers to servicemen many correspondence courses that will help to prepare now for the clerical field. They are, for example, H55 Bookkeeping and Accounting I through H60 Bookkeeping and Accounting V, H59 Business Arithmetic, and H63 Business Law. Offered also are self study courses such as EM 700 Bookkeeping and Accounting, Fundamental Principles, EM 702 Bookkeeping and Accounting for a Mercantile Business, and EM 705 Bookkeeping and Accounting for a Retail Store.

There are classes in typing offered on the post, for those who desire the actual class instruction. These classes are held daily, every afternoon, and each Monday and Thursday evening.

For further information regarding this job field, these classes, or courses, contact the Troop Information and Education Office, Building 1039, telephone extension 4403.

Our Third Anniversary of V-E Day Recalls the Beginning of Victory

(AFPS)—Three years ago, in the first days of May 1945, the situation in the United States was beginning to take on the first aspects of gloss. The Germans were being pushed back rapidly, and the Japanese had been forced first to a standstill and then slowly backward.

To be sure, our nation was still mourning the death of the man we had four times elected to the office of President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was a man who had stepped into office on the heels of our country's greatest depression, stayed in the forefront through the tremulous years preceding World War II, carried on his active leadership through the first bitter years of that war—and then died just when the fruits of victory were almost within grasp.

On May 2, 1945, Berlin, heart and stronghold of the Nazi regime, fell before the drive of the Allied forces. Actually, the details of the final drive in Germany do not seem too important now. The end followed swiftly. At 8:41 PM, Eastern United States War Time, May 6 (2:41 AM, French time, May 7), the German military forces surrendered unconditionally to the Allies. The surrender took place in a little red school-

house in Reims, France—the headquarters of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, in command of the Allies.

The news flashed back to the United States early in the morning of May 7, via an Associated Press release, only to be officially denied temporarily. Then six hours later, the official news blackout lifted, and the celebration was on in full scale.

The text of the surrender document included "signed at Reims, France, at 0241 hours on the Seventh Day of May, 1945." On May 8, in Berlin an Act of Surrender was signed. This was almost identical with the original signed at Reims the day before.

Bedlam reigned in the United States and throughout the Allied world. It was two down (Italy had surrendered months past), and only one to go.

This year, we will celebrate the third anniversary of V-E Day. It is an occasion upon which we can look back with justifiable pride at the memory of a job well done. We can hope too, that the problems jutting up on the road to permanent peace are settled as quickly and completely, as was that last remaining problem that faced us on V-E Day, three years ago.

Report From Washington

By Armed Forces Press Service

The supposed dispute within the Military Establishment over the 70-group versus the 55-group Air Force which has been played up by various informational media is not based on concise fact. Actually, the Air Force has been recommending a 70-group program for over two years. The changes from a planned 70-groups to 55-groups, then to 66 groups, was predicated on the total availability of money to maintain a well balanced Army, Navy and Air Force.

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Legislation has been proposed to the Congress establishing titles for Air Force men to distinguish them from Army personnel. Under the promulgated law, there would be four warrant officer grades consisting of Chief Airman and Senior Airman, first, second and third class. For enlisted men the grades would be: SENIOR AIR SERGEANT, instead of Master Sergeant; AIR SERGEANT FIRST CLASS instead of Technical Sergeant; AIR SERGEANT, instead of Staff Sergeant; AIRMAN FIRST CLASS, instead of Sergeant; AIRMAN SECOND CLASS, instead of Corporal; AIRMAN THIRD CLASS, instead of Private First Class; and AIRMAN FOURTH CLASS, instead of Private.

The Federal Housing Expediter has advised that a number of servicemen are apparently unaware of their rights, basing this opinion on the numerous requests his office receives for aid. It should be understood that, under the Veterans' Preference Regulation, any member of the Armed Forces, regardless of previous service, who requires housing accommodations for his dependent family is entitled to the 30-day veterans' preference in the sale or rental of all "for sale" or "for rent" housing (other than that built for owner occupancy) completed after June 30, 1947, and prior to April 1, 1949. Under the terms of this Federal law, all such construction must be offered for sale or rent exclusively to veterans or their families during construction and for 30 days after completion.

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Social Security benefits for the members of the Armed Forces has been proposed to the Senate Finance Committee by its special 17-member Advisory Council. The House Finance Committee already has a recommendation asking for servicemen Social Security before it. Essentially, the Senate's proposal would base the security benefits on the individual serviceman's own contribution

Answering the Veterans Queries

The number of World War II veterans attending California schools, colleges and universities at the end of February under the G. I. Bill and Public Law 16 (disabled veterans) was down 13,000 from the record Fall enrollment reported last November.

According to Veterans Administration records there were 141,424 veterans enrolled in California schools at the end of February, compared to 154,725 in November.

The heaviest loss of student veterans was in Northern California schools, which reported 51,000 students at the end of February, compared to 61,000 last November.

Following is a breakdown by VA regional offices showing November and February enrollments:

Regional Area	Nov. '47	Feb. '48
Los Angeles	88,468	85,385
San Francisco	61,121	50,904
San Diego	5,136	5,135
Totals	154,736	141,424

Student - veterans attending schools, colleges and universities full-time under the G. I. Bill, and who want subsistence for more than one dependent under the new subsistence law passed by Congress, must furnish proof of a second dependent, the Veterans Administration has pointed out.

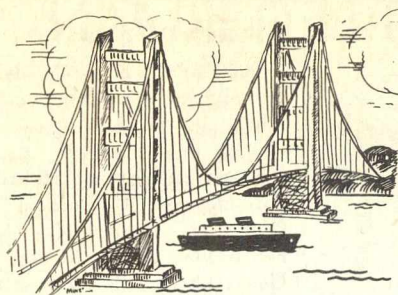
MORE ABOUT CHECK INFORMATION

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cooperated in efforts to stop harmful rumors. The Office of War Information assigned one of its units to rumor control. Its philosophy was that "rumors circulate in the absence of news," and its cure was to "give the people the facts" as far as national security permitted. Its aim was to give out all the information it could and explain why other facts had to be withheld.

A somewhat different approach was that of the "Rumor Clinic," started by the Boston Herald-Traveler and copied by more than 40 newspapers and a number of magazines in the United States and Canada. Its technique was to print current rumors in the newspaper with the actual facts alongside.

Heard any rumors today? Check the information, and get the facts.



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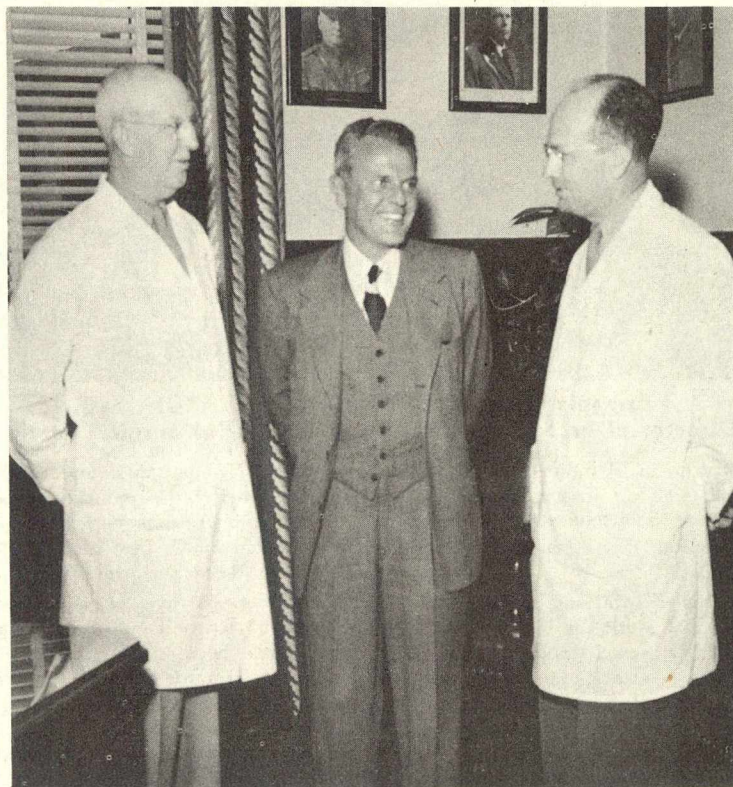
The recent appointment of Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, Chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman, as Director of Professional Services for the hospital, is a part of the new Army plan to keep professional men of high rank on professional assignments. It was formerly the custom to assign professional men to administrative duties when they attained the rank of general officers.

As Director of Professional Services, General Heaton will, in addition to his duties as Chief of the Surgical Service, have responsibility for the overall professional policies of the hospital under the Commanding General.

This week Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, Chief of the Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General spent several days at Letterman on an official visit to the LGH Surgical Service. While here he conferred with General Heaton on various aspects of the new organizational setup. General Cole is making an extensive tour of Army hospitals.

The reasons which prompted the policy under which the position of Director of Professional Services was inaugurated are set forth in a recent letter from The Surgeon General:

"I have long felt that the commanding officers of our large hospitals must be medical officers who by training and experience have become 'specialists' in the field of hospital administration. By the same token we are proposing to develop within the Corps men of such outstanding professional ability that throughout their career they should be recognized in and out of the Army as fitted for the highest possible professional positions. The 'Di-



SURGICAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

L. to R.: Brigadier General Frank L. Cole, Chief of Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General; Dr. Carleton Mathewson, Jr., Chief of Surgical Consultants at LGH and Professor of Surgery, Stanford Medical School, and Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services, talk things over during General Cole's visit from Washington this week.

rector of Professional Service' in one of our general hospitals would offer reward and recognition to such outstanding clinicians.

"Another reason for creating such a position is to keep such individuals on professional work regardless of rank. This will be particularly applicable in the event that an outstanding professional man should be senior to the hospital commander. In other words, I am trying to get away from the whole con-

cept that rank alone implicitly carries with it command and administrative ability, or that because of increased rank, a specialist in a professional career must of necessity abandon his professional career and be deflected to command or administrative duty."

This new policy outlined by The Surgeon General is receiving its initial implementation at Letterman, and it is at this hospital that a

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To Celebrate "I Am An American" Day Tomorrow

(AFPS)—By proclamation of the President of the United States, Sunday, May 16, has been officially set aside for each of us to stand up and tell the world, "I Am An American."

It is a day when we formally welcome into the ranks of American citizenship all those foreign born peoples whose ideals and hopes have led them into our midst, and who have attained the prize of that citizenship during the last year.

It is a day on which we might well thank God that there is such a nation as America, where every man can stand up and say, "It matters not whence my ancestors hailed. It matters not in what manner I express my faith in God, nor how I earn my bread, nor how I vote, speak, or write. It matters only that I Am An American; that I personally believe in and stand ready to defend the ideals and principles that make this country the sanctuary of freedom and democracy."

"I Am An American!"

A proud pledge that aggression and oppression will not go unchallenged.

"I Am An American!"

A fervent prayer of gratitude for the blessings of Americanism.

In the words of the Mayor of the City of New York, William O'Dwyer: "May the observance of 'I Am An American' Day once more serve as a reminder that our form of government is the best, and may it inspire all of us with a more sensitive understanding of the great and grave treasure each one possesses in citizenship in this land of ours."

The idea of holding the "Day" each year evolved from the old Citizenship Day. The idea proved so

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SURVEY OF THE SURGICAL SERVICE AT LETTERMAN

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workable pattern for the innovation will be established.

As Director of Professional Services, General Heaton is charged with four major responsibilities: (a) all matters of professional policy; (b) coordination of all hospital service activities with a view to attaining the highest possible standards of professional service; (c) supervision of the Professional Hospital Training Program to assure maximum benefits to patients, staff and the Army Medical Service; (d) to act as The Surgeon General's Chief Consultant in his particular professional specialty in this hospital and in such other military hospitals as The Surgeon General may direct.

It is pointed out that the new set-up is not intended to inhibit the initiative or lessen the supervisory responsibilities of the chiefs of the service.

General Heaton will continue to serve as Chief of the Surgical Service. He has been at Letterman in that capacity since 1946. His first tour of duty at Letterman was 22 years ago, when he interned here shortly after receiving his medical degree from the University of Louisville.

His subsequent service includes two tours of duty in Hawaii, a tour at Fort Sam Houston, Beaumont General Hospital, Woodrow Wilson General Hospital and Walter Reed General Hospital. He was Chief of Surgical Service at Schofield Barracks Hospital when the war began in 1941, and when the war in Europe came to an end in 1945 he was in command of the 802nd Hospital



Brigadier General LEONARD D. HEATON, MC
Director of Professional Services and Chief of Surgical Service

Center in Blandford, England. Before coming to the center, he organized and took overseas the 160th Hospital. He returned to Letterman in 1945.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit for his work at Schofield Hospital following the Pearl Harbor attack, and two oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit, one for his work as commander of the 160th General Hospital, the other for his services as commanding officer of the 802nd Hospital Center.

The professional staff of the Surgical Service is composed of an assigned staff of 19 Medical Corps officers, an attending staff of 17 civilian consultants, and a rotating staff of interns.

The Service includes seven sections. These are: Male General Surgical Section; Septic Surgical Section; Women's Surgical Section; Anesthesiology Section, Urological Section, Obstetrical and Gynecological Section, and Neuro-Surgical Section.

Twelve wards at Letterman are under the Surgical Service—A-1, B-1, C-1, F-1, F-2, K-2, M-2, O-1, P, R, 2 and 25. The service has an allotment of 359 hospital beds. During 1947 a total of 3,450 patients were admitted to the service, and an av-

erage of 288 patients underwent surgical treatment monthly. The number of operations performed in 1947 totaled 3,905. Last month 392 operations were performed.

Letterman is one of a limited number of Army general hospitals which has been designated as a residency training center, where medical men are prepared by special training for American Specialty Board examinations. As the largest Army Hospital in the West Coast area, it is a designated center for the handling of many surgical specialties.

Army patients are sent here from many parts of the United States for care and treatment, and in addition the hospital is the main debarkation point for patients from the Pacific Area.

In addition to military patients, the hospital provides care and treatment for dependent wives and children of officers and enlisted men, retired service personnel and their dependents, civilian personnel evacuated from the Pacific Area, and for certain designated veteran patients of the Bay Area. Because of the large variety of cases treated at Letterman, and its complete laboratory and medical library facilities, Letterman is highly rated

among Army hospitals designated as residency training centers.

The 18 Medical Corps officers serving under General Heaton on the Surgical Service staff are: Lieut. Col. Joseph B. Gordon, Colonel George L. Beatty, Colonel John Kemp Davis, Colonel George F. Peer, Lieut. Col. Jack W. Schwartz, Lieut. Col. Thomas T. Beeler, Lieut. Col. Donald E. Reiner, Lieut. Col. Aloysius T. Waskowicz, Lieut. Col. Bronko P. Lelich, Lieut. Col. Harvey C. Boyd, Major Edward P. Shannon, Major Avery P. King, Captain Leslie G. Lloyd, Captain Richard W. Stone, First Lieut. Lyman Maass, First Lieut. J. M. Levin, First Lieut. Forrest J. Woodman, Jr., First Lieut. J. M. Edmiston.

The members of the attending staff of civilian consultants on the Surgical Service are all faculty members of the University of California or Stanford University Medical School.

Two Medical Specialist Corps officers, Captain Joshua T. Hoxie and First Lieut. Arthur J. Gombosh, are assigned to the Surgical Service as administrative assistants.

A staff of specially trained nurses is on duty in the Operating Room at Letterman, with Major E. Barrett, ANC, as their supervisor. Twenty-one nurses are on duty there, including eight regularly assigned, six student detachment nurses, four regularly assigned nurse anesthetists and three student detachment nurse anesthetists. Seventeen surgical technicians are assigned to the operating room. Thirteen of this number are enlisted personnel, the other four are civilians.



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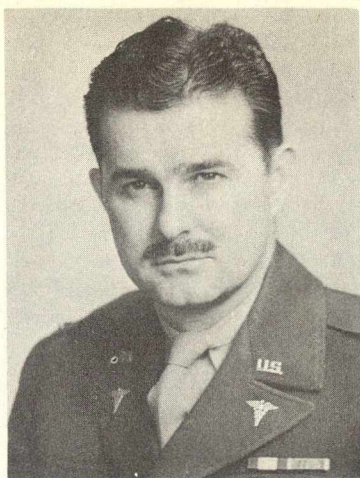


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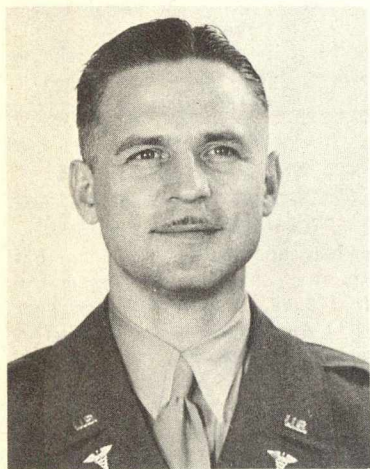
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EDITORIAL

IDEA FOR SAVING

Paychecks received by civilian personnel this week were a little bit larger than usual, due to the reduction in income tax deductions. The additional sums received are small, and are certainly not going to make any difference in anyone's way of living. But there is a way in which they can be put to good use, so that instead of going unnoticed down the drain of small miscellaneous expenses, they will yield a return.

This way is to use the extra dollars to buy United States Savings Bonds. If you hadn't benefited by the tax deduction, you would have continued to get along on the usual pay check. So it should be simple to set aside the extra money every two weeks, and when \$18.75 has accumulated, to buy a Savings Bond. They can be bought right here at Letterman, from either the Savings Officer or the Finance Office. When the bond matures in ten years, it will be worth \$25.

If something happens that you can't hold it for that length of time, it is negotiable in 60 days after date of purchase. But there is no doubt that the incentive to keep it is stronger when the money is in the form of a bond than when it is in cash and can be spent on a momentary impulse.

A better way to use this plan is to have the money deducted by the payroll savings



Two newcomers to the Army Nurse Corps staff were welcomed this week. Major Aletha Buckins drove out from Chicago, where she had been on duty in the Fifth Army General Dispensary. Lieut. Jaquie Lane, who is new to the Army as well as to Letterman, is from Douglas, Arizona, and came here immediately after completing basic training at Fort Sam Houston.

Captain Vida Buehler, chief of Physical Therapy, entertained at her Russian Hill apartment last Friday at a farewell cocktail party for four members of the Physical Therapy staff who are leaving shortly to return to civilian life. The four are First Lieutenants Ruth Campbell, Denne Kuntz, Aileen Lasse and Emily Mueller. Those at the party, in addition to the P.T. staff, were Art and Isabel Williams (Mrs. Williams is Lieut. Paine in Army life), Betsy Funston, Hannah Goldberg, Dorcas Rosenfeld, Mary McFadden, Bob Trask, Jack Miller and Ralph Walsh.

Four ANC members are currently enjoying leave. Captain Marie Pace will spend 30 days at her home in South Hill, Virginia; Captain Alma Heintzelman is visiting friends on their ranch in Washington; First Lieut. Edythe wended her way south to Pasadena, and First Lieut. Anne Zunick is leaving for a week's stay in Stockton.

First Lieuts. Edith Ansley and Grace Delaney of the ANC spent last week end in Reno. They couldn't make up their minds before they left whether it was "prospects" or "gold nuggets" they were after.

When First Lieut. Clara Wilson receives her discharge, which will be practically immediately, she will go to work for the State on a school nursing assignment in Oakland.

plan. Then the saving is completely painless. If you already have a payroll deduction for Savings Bonds, increase it to the next higher unit.

Where else can you invest \$3 and get back \$4?

WAC

The barracks are buzzing these days with the activity of homeward-bound WACs. Girls planning on getting discharged next month are busily packing, looking for boxes to relieve their overburdened suitcases, and all in all, going through the harassing routine of wondering "Where did I get all this stuff?"

Another overseas veteran is welcomed to our midst—by name, T/5 Garland Apple, who has recently been discharged from Letterman as a patient, and is now working in the Receiving Office.

Good-bye and good luck to T/4 Janice Deming and T/5 Sheila Daugherty, who are both shedding their OD's for the beck and call of civilian life.

We're wondering if T/3 "Hank" Callari and T/4 Carolyn Fix go to the skeet shooting matches just to bring home a clay pigeon. How about it, you two, why don't you try a sling-shot next time?

Acquiring the domestic touch, T/4 Dorothy Dreger, T/4 Martha Shortle and T/3 Aletha Birchfield are stocking up their civilian wardrobes by stitching and sewing their own—the new look, at that.

Greetings and warm wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to T/4 "Schatzi" Meredith, T/4 Kathleen Kelly, Sgt. Martha Foxworthy and S/Sgt. Violet Collings, now patients at our home station.

Picnics seem to be the order of the day in this weather, and the 6th Army NCO Club was no exception. A good time was had by the WACs participating in the excursion to McNear's Landing for the occasion last Saturday.

Last Saturday, T/Sgt. Myrtle Gragg sponsored and arranged a birthday party for Billy Nelson, a patient on ward N-2. Since both Myrtle and Billy are natives of Oklahoma, we can easily draw the conclusion that fellow "Okies" have strong ties of loyalty—and more power to 'em!

Signs of Summer: Sgt. Adrian Hoyes riding T/5 "Tiny" Brost's bike around the Presidio; Sgt. Ollie Badger enjoying a cruise around the bay on the Letterman fishing boat.

Cpl. Rose Casillio, a hairdresser by trade, not trusting her tresses to just anyone, had her hair done by

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, 16 May, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Brief Vacation

Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, Letterman's commanding general, and Mrs. Winn have been enjoying a brief vacation during the past week. They spent a part of the time at Yosemite. General Winn will be back at the hospital next Tuesday.

MORE ABOUT I AM AN AMERICAN

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popular, and seemed so fitting, that Congress officially designated the third Sunday in May of each year as "I Am An American Day." This year will mark the ninth observance of the occasion.

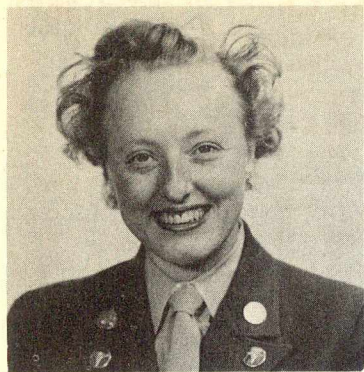
All over the country gatherings will take place honoring the "new citizens" and the spirit of Americanism. Millions will reaffirm their pride and allegiance in a solemn Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Truman has urged "Federal, state and local officials, as well as patriotic, civic and educational organizations, to conduct exercises on or about May 16 expressing thankfulness for the rights and privileges of American citizenship and solemn acceptance of our obligations as citizens, at home and abroad, to the end that peace and happiness may be attained by Americans and by other peoples everywhere."

a professional stylist—oh well, we can't all be beautiful.

T/Sgt. Margaret Dresher, looking for some of that famed California sunshine, has gone down to Los Angeles on a ten-day leave. How about bringing back a little of the same, Margaret?

WAC OF THE WEEK



BETTY J. WUGAN
Technician Fourth Grade

Most anyone would realize immediately that T/4 Betty Wugan is from California. She possesses a vivid personality which one recognizes at once as having "joie de vivre." Betty was born in Santa Monica, California and was raised throughout the State.

Before she entered the Army she was attending Los Angeles City College and also working at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank. Her job was that of a production worker on an assembly line.

On the 7th of July 1944 Wugie, as she is called, enlisted in the WAC and proceeded to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for basic. But Betty's native State kept calling and she returned to Santa Ana Cadet Pre-Flight School. For two years she remained at that field working in the Dental Laboratory. Her duties included maintaining the reports and records.

Then came the day Betty was discharged. As a civilian, however, she held her old job. Shortly thereafter followed a pleasure trip to New Orleans. Wugie describes that vacations as "a memorable one" and recommends that city whole heartedly. But when Betty returned she was surprised to find the Camp had packed up and moved away.

So, she re-enlisted and left the same day for Fort Dix. One month later she sailed for Le Havre, and from there went through Paris to Frankfurt. In Germany she worked in the Armed Forces Radio Office for seven stations. On the staff of the Chief Engineer, Betty handled correspondence from all over the world and did much of the office work.

During the 19 months in Europe she was able to see such places as

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Pfc. Billy Nelson celebrated his 19th birthday on N-2 last Saturday. The party was given for him by T/Sgt. Myrtle Gragg. The party had all the trimmings which are necessary for a good time to be had by all. They consisted of cake, ice cream, cards and gifts. All of the ward members were invited and everyone had a wonderful time.

We've know many people who did not have enough sense to come in out of the rain; but this is the first time that we've heard of anyone not having enough sense to come in out of the sun. If you have ever seen a beet after it has been peeled, then you know exactly what Pfc. Arthur Ratliff Junior, of ward E-2, looks like. He—at least—can vouch for the fact that the sun does shine in California.

Have you ever attended a dance where there were more girls than boys? Cpl. Arthur Estrada and a few other lucky Lettermanite attended such a dance the other day. The boys were asked to attend by Mrs. Julia Dempster, who is a typing and English teacher here at the hospital. The girls who attended were members of Lux Girls College. The boys all had a grand time, due (they said) to the fact that—for the first time in their lives—there were more girls than boys attending the dance.

They say that practice makes perfect and in this case it was evidently true. At almost any time of the day, for the past couple of weeks, you could find T/Sgt. Loran Parmelee and S/Sgt. Charles H. Werry in the court yard of the hospital prac-

Berchestaden, Garmisch, and Partin-kirtchen.

The return trip to the States from Bremerhaven took two full weeks, but Wugie weathered it nicely. From the reassignment center at Camp Kilmer, she was sent to Letterman and California once more. At present she is working in Detachment of Patients Morning Report section and enjoys it.

Her tentative plans include one more year in the Army and a trip to Alaska. While here Wugie is on the WAC Softball team as an outfielder. "The best striker-outer on the team" . . .

ting their casting. All of that practicing must have done some good because they won first and second prize (respectively) in a casting contest.

Sgt. Lloyd K. Power and Pfc. William H. Cordova can be seen just about any morning of the week playing a very avid game of Casino on ward 2; but, if by chance you should come into the ward in the afternoon you would find both of them fast asleep.

Pfc. James Peterson of ward 41 received quite a dunking last Saturday when his boat overturned. He didn't mind the "dunking" so much; but he did mind losing the fish which was on the end of his line just before the boat overturned.

Pfc. Benjamin Fernandez of ward 2 and Pvt. Clarence Blakenchip, who is on ward F-2, spend each morning in the Letterman Bowling Alley trying to improve their game. Pfc. Ben Fernandez, who has been playing for only two months now, is able to boast an average game score of 155; which is very good for a beginner.

Gene Lafleur, a Pfc. on ward F-2, wins and loses thousands and thousands of dollars each day playing poker. The only bad thing about it is that he never plays for real money. He believes that if he had been playing for real money, he would be at least a millionaire or maybe even a billionaire.

Edward C. Campbell was able to strike it rich to the tune of one shiny silver dollar because of his ability to play music by squeezing the palms of his hands together. He played several tunes over KLGH the other day. Among them were "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Yankee Doodle" and The Marine Hymn.

S/Sgt. Eugene Cresci of ward 2 spends every morning pouring over the newspapers. He always reads the front page and the sports page. He is particularly interested in the news on the "Cold War." His friend believes he wants to become a newscaster when he is discharged. Any time you want to know about anything in the news just ask Sgt. Cresci.

Cpl. Marion Wells of the 9956, who has been on ward F-2 for the past week has been released from the hospital. Incidentally, we hope that he can find a bed to sleep in.

ON THE SPOT



ELMER DURHAM
Corporal

Corporal Elmer Durham, patient in Ward K-2 has had plenty of variety since he entered the Army. Elmer first entered the service 20 February 1944 at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and took his basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Blanding, Florida. After finishing basic he went to Pine Camp, New York, where he served as a guard for the German Prisoner of War stockade.

In August of 1944 Elmer transferred to the Air Corps and was sent to Kiesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi. There he served as an instructor in basic training for incoming Air Corps recruits. Seven weeks later he was sent to Kelley Field, San Antonio, Texas, where he was acting Supply Sergeant. He remained at Kelly Field until September 1945 when he was transferred to Camp Stoneman, California, for processing prior to overseas assignment.

Elmer went overseas in November 1945 and landed at Yokohama, Japan, in December 1945. He was assigned to Headquarters, 5th Air Force at Haneda, Japan, as a truck driver, from which position he advanced to acting Motor Pool Sergeant.

Elmer became ill in March 1945 and, after being in and out of hospitals four times, was shipped back to the States for further medical treatment.

Elmer was born in Vineland, New Jersey and attended school there. He was a poultry dealer and buyer in civilian life and plans to re-enter the same business upon discharge from the Army. He is interested in photography and sports of all kinds, especially swimming.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Gilbert Grady of Military Personnel has given up skiing for the time being and is devoting his time to boating. Just ask him about the "Hipty Hop."

Bill O'Brien of the Record Room spent a recent week end building a fence at his summer home in Boulder Creek. It says here that it is a good place for a case of either poison oak or sunburn.

We bid "Aloha" to Virginia Smith of Officers Personnel, who resigned last week. After a trip to Missouri she will live in Hawaii. Lots of luck, Ginny.

Lillian Jones of the Dental Clinic has taken up leathercraft work and is presently working on a red leather purse with red plaid lining.

Gloria Crisafulli of Military Personnel has been having some teeth trouble and has been visiting the dentist. Gloria's only comment is 'same old grind.'

A baby girl was presented to Dorothy Beach on Mother's Day. Dorothy formerly worked in Detachment of Patients and her husband, Richard, was a former patient at Letterman. They named their daughter Cheryl Lynn.

Pat Mockbee, formerly in Military Personnel, was a recent visitor to Letterman during her trip to San Francisco from San Mateo.

Jackie Wheeler, secretary on the Physical Therapy staff, is learning to drive the car her husband bought for her recently, and right now it isn't easy, she says. Her husband prefers his motorcycle to a car any day, so when the Wheelers go to San Jose this week end, they'll travel via the family motorcycle. More exciting ride that way, weaving in and out of traffic in a way that's not possible in just a tame automobile.

The Fog Horn regrets that a couple of weeks ago a double faux pas was committed in this column. Apologies to Andrea Bonaly, long-time secretary on the Medical Service, whose name appeared as "Andrew" Bonaly of Surgical Service. Andrea is currently making plans for a two-week leave, which she intends to spend here. "There are still a lot of things I want to do and see in San Francisco, even if I have lived here quite a while," she says.

THIS GRAY LADY'S FIRST PATIENT AT LETTERMAN WAS HER OWN SON



Mrs. HENRIETTE PEISER
Red Cross Group Captain

Mrs. Sidney Peiser, who has been doing volunteer work with the Red Cross, in both the Canteen Corps and the Gray Lady Corps, since the beginning of the war, first came to Letterman two years ago. Her son Bill was a patient here at that time, having been sent to LGH after he was wounded in France. Mrs. Peiser is one of the five group captains in the Gray Lady Corps, and she spends one day here each week working on wards B-1, B-2, D-1 and D-2.

She thoroughly enjoys performing the various errands and special tasks for the patients, and says that the patients here have been so appreciative that it is a pleasure to help them. She looks forward to her time here each week.

During the war Mrs. Peiser put in three and four days each week with the Canteen Corps, and she has donated over 6,000 hours of her time to Red Cross activities. At present

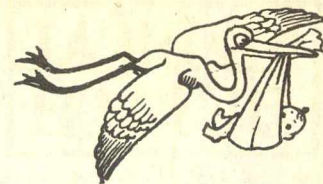
she is vice-chairman of the Disaster Relief Committee with the Corps.

Mrs. Peiser's daughter Elizabeth was also with the Red Cross during the war. She was a staff aide, and was on overseas duty in France and Germany. She later served in that capacity at Fort Miley.

Born in San Francisco, Mrs. Peiser was educated at San Francisco schools and at a private school in Berkeley.

She is a mine of information about her native city, and when any of the patients need particulars of San Francisco lore, they know she is the right person to answer their questions.

She enjoys the theatre, but her particular interest is her own family, which consists of her husband and her son and daughter. She confesses that her dignified first name of Henriette is shortened by her family to "Henry," which should convey some hitherto "top secret" information to patients.



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Willis Nelce West, Sr., a boy, **Willis Nelce, Jr.**, born 30 April.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, a girl, **Mary Ann**, born 1 May.

To WO and Mrs. Charles A. Putney, Jr., a boy, **Charles A. III**, born 1 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John Hayes, a boy, **Jonathan Philip**, born 1 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Stuart, a boy, **Randall J.**, born 1 May.

To Pvt. and Mrs. John W. Robertson, a boy, **Steven Marc**, born 1 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Lelan Ecklon, a girl, **Marlayne**, born 2 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur E. Miller, a girl, **Carol Jean**, born 2 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. William A. Parker, a boy, **Robert Kent**, born 2 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Clarence Cook, a boy, **Edward Milo**, born 2 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. George E. Egger, a boy, **James Edward**, born 3 May.

To Pvt. and Mrs. George E. Whitfield, a boy, **LeRoy Ralph**, born 3 May.

To Pfc. and Mrs. John Nava, a boy, **John Anthony**, born 4 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Oliver Randolph McCarter, II, a boy, **Oliver Randolph, III**, born 4 May.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James W. Paxton, a girl, **Melody Sue**, born 4 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Frank Pedersen, a boy, **Philip Frank**, born 4 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Cleuren Rogers, a girl, **Nana Ann**, born 4 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Herman M. Roberts, a boy, **Robert Clayton**, born 4 May.

To Lt. and Mrs. Daniel D. Brown, a boy, **Daniel Christopher**, born 5 May.

To Major and Mrs. John A. McMahon, a girl, **Kathleen Ann**, born 5 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Rudolph B. Davila, a girl, **Tana Maria**, born 6 May.

"Does my practicing make you nervous?" a saxophone player asked his neighbor.

"It did when you first moved in," replied the neighbor, but now I don't care what happens to you."

MEDICAL DETACH

Corporal Carl Wuitschick of the Training Branch Section says that he has trouble keeping awake on Mondays because he gets too much sleep on Sunday. Somewhat confusing, Carl.

T/Sgt. "Rugged Rudy" Shellhorn of the K Wards is looking like a million dollars these days. "Rudy" says that he hasn't thrown a man out of the NCO Club in several days.

T/Sgt. Clarence Carrick of the Records Section has given his Fleet-line "Chevvy" the new look. This time however it is a Simonize job and not a backing up job. The rumor is that Clarence flies too close to the ground in reverse.

According to the Enlisted Staff of the Out Patients Office, T/5 Albert Dorn has lost all ambition since he is due to be discharged on the 20th of this month. "Al" denies this however and says that he is "ambitious" to have a front tooth replaced before he says "Au Revoir."

T/Sgt. Herbert Newton of the Hospital Inspectors Office and the Secretary and Treasurer of the NCO Club is thoroughly convinced that all Hospital architecture looks alike. It seems like "Newt" was checking NCO Club property the other day and was missing one piano. He called the C.I.D. to investigate before he found out he had looked in the wrong building for said music box.

Anyone who is interested in finding out the Constitution requirements for becoming President can find out from T/4 Monte Catterlin of Troop Information and Education. He found out the hard way.

M/Sgt. Richard "Junior" Thompson has transferred his talents from the X-Ray Clinic to the Sergeant Major's Office. Good Luck, Bergen.

Sgt. Jim Scott, Sgt. Coy Ferguson, and Cpl. Norbert Delotte took to the woods, but really, last Sunday. They motored to Muir Woods and spent the day hiking.

Last Tuesday afternoon the band was playing in the patio outside of the Administration Building. It was one of those lazy "daze" and the spirit certainly moved the band members; for instead of just playing, they began to sing. "Somebody Else Is Taking My Place."

IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RADIO, SEE SCHWAB



DON SCHWAB
Chief Engineer, Radio Station KLGH

Don Schwab's first love — after his wife, of course—is radio, both on and off the job. As chief engineer of Letterman's radio station KLGH, radio is his job. As operator of his own amateur radio station, W6ZRI, radio is his hobby. Of course he has other interests, and can repair anything from an automobile to an organ. He says he intends to get another hobby to broaden his field of interest, but so far he hasn't decided what it will be. He can't take time to decide—too busy with radio.

He was born in Exeter, Nebraska, and studied engineering at the University of Nebraska. He joined the Navy in 1932, and while in that branch of the service he went through radio school. After he received his discharge he took some special radio courses at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He did radio repair and also worked as a motion picture operator for a time.

During the war he was again in the Navy, and at the time of his discharge was a radio electrician with the rank of Chief Petty Officer. His wartime assignments included duty at the Naval Air Sta-

tion in Miami, Florida, where he was in charge of maintenance, and overseas duty on the Marshall Islands. He went overseas shortly after the end of the war in Europe, and returned to the States in December 1945. Shortly thereafter he became a civilian.

Don came to Letterman in March 1946, about the time KLGH became an Armed Forces Radio Service station. He and station manager John Miller are the only two left of the original staff of six.

Don's amateur radio station has both code and phone transmitters, and he holds a broadcast engineer's radio telephone license, first class. The station is in his apartment in the Marina. It's a small apartment and since Don keeps bringing home extras for the station all the time, he says his wife Jean sometimes wonders if they'll have to start housekeeping in the hall.

Jean is also a member of the Letterman team, being on duty in the Main PX. Don's interest in the art of communication being what it is, he's probably got some kind of a secret walkie-talkie outfit rigged up so he can talk to her any time via the air lanes.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Reports from those men of HTU taking the examination for promotion to the grade of sergeant indicate that some think said exam is a "trifle rough." T/5 John Knapp is sporting that California Glow. He claims his sunburn was acquired as a result of his appearance on the drill field.

Among the men transferred from the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to HTU are Pfc.'s Boyd Patterson, Bobby Sullivan, John R. Carlin, Welton W. Sessums, John E. David, and Pvt. Floyd R. Connell. Pfc. David had the distinction of being the honor graduate of his class, and was presented his diploma by Brigadier General Martin, Commandant of the School. Pfc. David, a native of Louisiana, attended UMT at Fort Knox, Kentucky before his tour at Fort Sam Houston, and his subsequent assignment to HTU. On being asked for a comparison of the food situation at the various stations to which he had been assigned Pfc. David said, "Letterman serves better meals than any place I've been, and this includes UMT at Fort Knox."

Corporal George Lingle, and T/5 Donald Knudsen have been detailed to accompany a patient as attendants to Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado. Corp. Lingle intends to utilize time between return trains to make a surprise call on relatives living in Denver.

On Wednesday 26 May there will be a dance at the NCO Club, Les Scott and his orchestra furnishing the music. And the 16 of May a Tea dance is scheduled at the NCO Club.

Tech Sgt. John Mack spent a cool Monday night at his job of Night Charge of Quarters. The reason—no steam and no heat in the Administration Building. However, at this writing things have warmed up, and all is well.

There has been much discussion around HTU about automobiles versus motorcycles. T/5 James Kehoe comes out strong for the auto. It seems that a few days ago he made a trip across San Francisco via motorcycle.

Champion Billiard Player Puts on Show for Patients

One of the most famous billiard players of America, Charles C. Peterson, put on an exhibition for patients on Ward 41 last Friday. Nearly fifty persons jammed into the recreation room of the ward to witness a wonderful show of unusual and skillful billiard shots.

Mr. Peterson, who is a grand showman as well as being a champion, is 79 years old. And from his expert style, one could tell that his 57 years as a billiardist have taught him all the tricks of the game.

There were certain names for every shot. He presented his "Brooklyn Shot," which featured a 'coive,' the "United Nations Shot," which sends three balls flying around the table and ending up in a procession through a small paper tube; the shot in which the balls are jumped into a Top hat, and many, many others.

Throughout the nation there are universities, colleges, boys clubs, and business organizations that have billiard tournaments. Mr. Peterson has helped organize several of these games. He says that the greatest boon to billiards today is television. He has participated in numerous televised games. Gladly he explained the finer points of playing billiards. He spoke about body and hand position, chalking a cue, and how to hit a ball for a desired result.

Letterman Lassies Win Again—Twice

The Letterman WAC Softball Team has chalked up two more victories this past week, both games played on the home field, Julius Kahn Playground.

Thursday, 6 May, the WAC team defeated Fairfield by a score of 9-7. Wednesday 12 May, the home team defeated the Treasure Island Waves in a nip and tuck game by the close score of 4-3.

The feature of the game was when, in the last inning with the score tied, the winning run came across the plate on a strike-out. T/Sgt. Eleanor Eaton was on third base, Sgt. Marilouise Damm at bat, the catcher dropped ball on the third strike, played for first base, and Eaton scored, ending the game with a one-run margin.

Letterman Keglers Activities

Results of games bowled by Letterman Women's Monday Night League, 10 May:

TEAM	1st Game	2d Game	3d Game
Wac Officers	542	662	575
Nurses No. 2.....	551	589	605
Physio-Therapy	461	500	613
Wac No. 1.....	563	546	581
Wac No. 2.....	549	599	590
Nurses No. 1.....	554	600	645

Individual averages:

NAMES	Games	Total Pins	Averages
Capt. Minnie Young.....	6	870	145
Lt. Mildred Kauffman	6	785	130
St. Dorothy Gustafson.....	6	776	129
Sgt. Sue Burnett.....	6	736	124
Capt. Ruth Porter.....	6	731	122
Sgt. Ella Dodson.....	6	725	120
Sgt. Leslie Roach.....	3	360	120
Capt. Margaret Lasseter.....	6	718	119
Lt. Emily Mueller.....	6	712	119
Lt. Lora Brownig.....	6	707	118
Lt. P. Patrick.....	6	704	118
Capt. C. Woodworth.....	6	695	116
Sgt. C. Cooper.....	6	693	116
Cpl. Mary Davis.....	6	682	114
Lt. Francis Harllee.....	6	673	113
Sgt. Eleanor Eaton.....	6	655	109
Sgt. Helen Brown.....	6	648	108
Sgt. C. Fix.....	3	325	108
Lt. Ruth Conrad.....	3	321	107
Lt. Louise Dahlquist.....	6	637	106
Lt. Cougill.....	3	318	106
Lt. Doris Tomkins.....	3	315	105
Sgt. E. Hess.....	6	615	103
Lt. A. Lasse.....	6	611	102
Lt. A. Montean.....	6	605	101
Lt. A. Hackett.....	3	302	101
Sgt. Gene Marsland.....	3	301	100
Lt. Mary Mourick.....	3	291	97
Capt. A. Frey.....	6	551	93
Lt. L. Shaffer.....	6	550	92
Lt. Crawford.....	3	250	83
Lt. Greenough.....	3	246	82
T/5 Brost.....	3	237	79
Lt. D. Kuntz.....	6	462	77
Lt. B. Hayward.....	6	391	65
Lt. B. Sandhoff.....	3	122	40

League standings:

TEAM	Gms.	Tot. Pins	Avg.	Hi-G.	G. W.	L.
WAC Officers	6	3561	594	662	4	2
WAC No. 1.....	6	3326	554	611	4	2
Nurses No. 2.....	6	3324	554	605	4	2
Nurses No. 1.....	6	3167	528	645	2	4
Physio Therapy.....	6	2795	465	513	1	5
WAC No. 2.....	6	2436	573	599	4	2

Games scheduled:

Monday, 17 May, 1800 Hours, Alleys 1 and 2, WAC Officers vs. WAC No. 2; 2030 Hours, Alleys 1 and 2, Nurses No. 2 vs. Physio Therapy; Alleys 3 and 4, Nurses No. 1 vs. WAC No. 1.

HOMESTATE HIGHLIGHTS

Waco, Tex. (AFPS)—J. T. Boleman, a bachelor here, was doing all right fighting the fire in his room—until some women came in to help.

"Women make me nervous," he said. With that, he quit. The 12-room house burned to the ground.

Patterson, N. J. (AFPS)—Love (and the APO) conquered all in this story. Here's how: In 1944 Sofia Carola of Patterson wrote her brother, Louis, who was hospitalized in France.

Louis Carola of Philadelphia, in a different hospital, received the letter and answered. After the war Louis Carola of Philly, went to see Sofia Carola of Patterson, and—you guessed it. They were just married.

Cambridge, N.Y. (AFPS)—Think you've got it tough? Then listen to Charles Gilchrist's story. Last Fall his leg was broken when he was run over by a tractor.

Then some of his cattle were hurt when his barn collapsed.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Claims sections in the Veterans Administration Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) have adjudicated the disability claims of more than 217,000 veterans during the past two years.

Veterans who file claims with VA for disability compensation or pension can help speed up service by observing seven simple rules. They are:

1. Remember to submit complete evidence concerning your physical condition, and the cause of such condition.

2. Spell your name clearly, the same way it appears on your service records.

3. When you are informed of your 'C' number, use it in all correspondence with VA.

4. Include your correct address in all correspondence.

5. Avoid all unnecessary correspondence.

6. If you find it necessary to write, address your letters to the VA regional office. In the Branch 12 area, VA regional offices are located at San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Reno, Phoenix, and Honolulu.

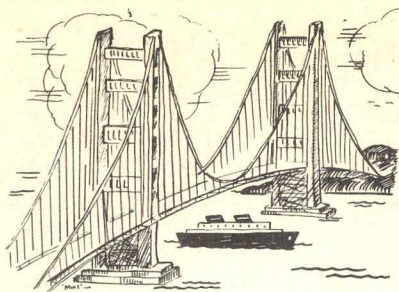
7. When requested to report for physical examination, or submit additional evidence, do so promptly. If you cannot, let VA know as soon as possible.

Question: Does the age of World War I and World War II veterans affect the amount of compensation or pension paid to them?

Answer: Compensation for a service-connected disability is not affected, but pension for non-service-connected permanent, total disability is increased upon reaching age 65.

Question: I am considered totally disabled for insurance purposes, but receive only 20 percent for compensation. Can my award be increased?

Answer: Your compensation will be increased only if the service-connected disability is shown to have increased in severity. For insurance purposes, there may be other disabilities, not service-connected, which, combined with the compensable condition, produce total disability. Facts and material for determining the existence of permanent and total disability are different in insurance and compensation matters.



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Radio Star Kate Smith is Made an Honorary Army Nurse

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, the Surgeon General of the Army, conferred honorary membership in the Army Nurse Corps on radio star Kate Smith in a ceremony at The Pentagon last week and addressed her, following the ceremony, as "Colonel Smith."

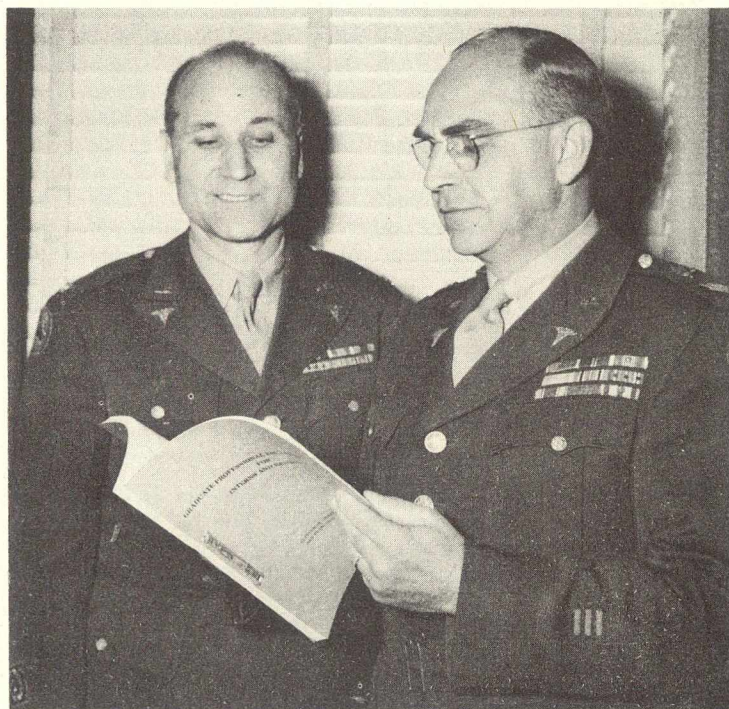
At the same time, General Bliss thanked her for her great contribution to patients in Army hospitals during the war.

He called upon her to back the Army's campaign to establish a Reserve of 29,000 nurses for any national emergency, and asked her to aid the American Hospital Association's campaign to recruit students for schools of nursing.

"It is different now than when you were a student nurse at George Washington University Hospital," he told her, "there are more women in schools of nursing today than ever before in our history. It is estimated that by 1960, this nation will need 500,000 graduate nurses to meet the health needs of this country. The Army estimates that the attrition needs of its Nurse Reserve not on extended active duty will require the commissioning of some 5,000 to 7,000 graduating nurses every year to maintain the desired strength."

The Surgeon General pointed out that health insurance plans, veterans' hospitalization, federal aid for hospital construction, together with the American public's increased awareness of the advantages of hospitalization during illness had increased the demand for graduate nurses far beyond the present supply. He said that the only answer was to interest more young women in the profession.

General Bliss referred to Miss
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CONFER ON EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS
Colonel Kermit H. Gates, Letterman's Deputy Commander, talks with Colonel Clifford V. Morgan, chairman of the SGO Medical Equipment Survey Committee, during the visit of the committee last week.

SGO EQUIPMENT SURVEY GROUP HERE

Members of the SGO Medical Equipment Survey Committee spent several days at Letterman last week visiting the various departments of the hospital. Colonel Clifford C. Morgan, MC, deputy commander of the Army Medical Center, was chairman of the committee. Purpose of their visit was to make a survey of the type of equipment needed to complete Letterman's modernization program.

"The committee is concentrating most of its efforts on the Operating Suite, Central Sterile Supply, X-ray,

Laboratory and the various clinics," said Colonel Morgan. "It has been estimated that it will require a substantial amount to modernize and supplement present equipment to meet existing requirements, and the committee will recommend this expenditure subject to the approval of the commanding general."

The other members of the Equipment Survey Committee were: Lieut. Col. Nina M. Baker, ANC; Major Burwell H. Smythe, MSC; Capt. Noble S. Dougherty, MSC; Capt. Dorothy V. Elliott, ANC, and Mr. A. N. Baldersen.

Use New Methods In Regular Army Recruit Training

(AFPS)—Certain training methods that proved successful in the UMT experimental unit at Fort Knox, Ky., are being applied to Regular Army recruit instruction, including citizenship and venereal disease control, Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Chief of Army Field Forces announced recently.

The old-time sergeant-private relationship is being replaced in the new Army by an instructor-student attitude. A new 13-weeks program for recruits will include training in citizenship and disease control, climaxed by a final examination designed to test the soldier's general knowledge of military subjects as well as those considered character-building studies.

Recruits now will receive additional instruction in military intelligence, including the handling of prisoners of war, displaced persons, and captured documents and property. Emphasis is being placed on proper understanding of military service, the responsibilities of the soldier to the service, and the relationship of the Army to the nation.

The course in venereal disease control will be independent of the regular instruction in sanitary practices, emphasizing self-control, right conduct, clean living, and the obligations of the soldier to home, family, church and nation.

The eliminated subjects will come later in on-the-spot training. Training divisions will provide post-graduate specialist instruction for motor vehicle drivers and mechanics.

A three-week refresher course for previous service men has been eliminated entirely to speed assignment of enlistees with prior experience to productive training jobs, specialist schools, or as non-commissioned officers in established units.

Letterman Laundry Holds Top U. S. Production Record

A cash award for an employee suggestion was presented this week by Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, commanding general, to George W. Hansen, superintendent of the Quartermaster Corps Laundry at Letterman, for his labor-saving idea for cutting cloth for the laundry presses. The award was \$30.

In presenting the check General Winn commended Mr. Hansen for the interest in his work which prompted him to make the suggestion for job improvement. The suggestion was that the "laundry be supplied with an electric cloth cutter for the purpose of cutting padding and covers for the presses."

Mr. Hansen pointed out the advantages of the electric cloth cutter as follows: "Each of our 39 presses requires two layers of padding, one layer of heavy double faced flannel and one layer of canvas. A complete change must be made every three weeks. There is also an outside canvas cover that must be changed weekly.

"Cutting this padding by hand takes two press operators seven hours, making a total of 14 hours. Since the press operators are paid a minimum of \$1.18 an hour the cost of changing the padding is \$16.52 for labor alone. In addition, 14 hours of productive work in the press room is lost, because the press operators finish 40 pieces of clothing per operator per hour.

"With the electric cutter, one operator can cut enough padding for a complete change for the presses in one hour."

In recommending that the suggestion be adopted, First Lieut. Carl D. Hennessey, QMC, officer in charge of the laundry, stated that the use of the cutter would accomplish a yearly saving of over \$300. The amount of the cash award is based upon a percentage of the yearly savings it effects.

The Letterman Laundry has been in the spotlight in recent weeks for more than one reason. Two other civilian employees were honored this month by the Department of the Army. Mrs. Frances Parry, civilian in charge of clerical work, and Mrs. Alessandra Pagani, supervising expeditor, were presented by General Winn with the Commendation for Meritorious Civilian Service.

For some time the LGH laundry has placed highest in production in the Sixth Army area, and now for the past two quarters of the fiscal



RECEIVES AWARD FOR SUGGESTION
Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, commanding general,
presents George W. Hansen, LGH laundry superintendent,
with the check awarded by the Suggestion Committee for
his labor-saving idea.

year it has been tops in production for QMC laundries for the entire United States. The laundry processes approximately 7,000,000 pieces per year, and during the last quarter production per employee was 29,876 pieces.

Commendations on this achievement were received both from Sixth Army headquarters and from General Winn. The commendations expressed gratification that both total and individual piece production were in excess of Quartermaster Corps standards.

The production goal in this area during the war was 6,500 pieces per employee per month. Production at Letterman never fell below 8000 pieces, and the level during the past quarter approximated 10,000.

Personnel on duty at the laundry now number 72, including the office force. All linen for Letterman is processed there, on a one-day service basis. The laundry also handles linen for station hospitals at Camp Stoneman, Hamilton Field, Fort Baker, and Army dispensaries at Presidio of San Francisco, Fort Winfield Scott, and one in downtown San Francisco.

Bundle work averages between 4,000 and 5,000 bundles per month. In addition to personal laundry

for patients and officer and enlisted personnel, family laundry for duty personnel is also handled. Laundry for patients is on a two-day service basis; for duty personnel, four-day service.

Officers of the hospital staff pay cash for their laundry. That for enlisted personnel is handled on a basis of 25 pieces to a bundle for a set price of \$1.50 a month. Enlisted patients receive their laundry free; officer patients pay for theirs. The laundry handles repairs on bundle work.

Lieutenant Hennessey has been officer in charge of the laundry since his arrival at Letterman in September 1946. He was sales manager for a linen supply house in civilian life, and during the war he was in charge of Army mobile laundries. While on overseas duty, he directed construction of and also managed a large Army laundry in the China-Burma-India theatre.

Mr. Hansen, the superintendent, has been at Letterman since November 1945. He has had extensive experience in laundry production work. He was in the Navy during the war, and served in the Pacific. He came to Letterman after receiving his discharge.

Mrs. Parry, chief clerk, has a long

record of service at LGH. She was here from 1921 to 1927, then returned in 1941 and has been here continuously since that time.

There are four supervisors: Alessandra Pagani, flatwork; Ricardo Montes, wash room; Josephine Lockwood, market-distributor; Margaret Wernli, press room. All mending and repair work is done by Sophie Biehl, who has been with the laundry since 1943. Milton Anderson is in charge of maintenance of equipment.

The laundry operates on a schedule of an 8-hour day and a 5-day week. With six wash-wheels in operation, between 4,000 and 5,000 sheets a day are handled in addition to other types of linen and the bundle work. One large washer is used exclusively for sheets, and it can take 450 sheets in one load.

Two flatwork ironers take care of the ironing load. One is equipped with an automatic folder, and is used almost exclusively for sheets. On this folder a production of 600 sheets an hour is regularly maintained.

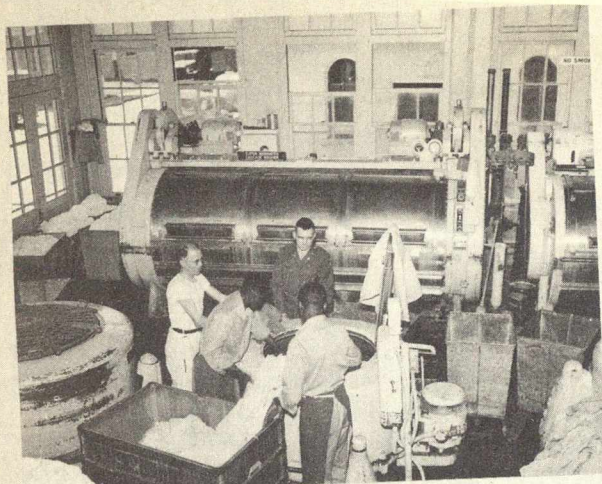
In the press room each operator takes care of three machines, keeping them all going at once, and each operator is trained to press all types of work.

Present equipment of the laundry includes: one 54 x 126 washer, one 54 x 120 washer, three 42 x 96 washers, one 36 x 36 washer; one 60-inch extractor, four 48-inch extractors, one 26-inch extractor (soon to be replaced by a 30-inch extractor); one conditioning tumbler, two large tumblers, seven small tumblers; 11 garment-pressing machines, four shirt-pressing machines.

Particular attention is paid to good utilization of space, because the present building, constructed in 1914 at a cost of \$15,876, originally was designed to take care of Letterman laundry only. The building has never been enlarged, and the workload has increased tremendously, but due to the excellent teamwork of the laundry personnel, the present high production record has been attained in spite of limited space.

The Quartermaster Corps requires that laundries show a profit on operations, and the LGH laundry showed a profit of \$30,708.61 for the third quarter of the fiscal year 1948, after deduction of cost of equipment, utilities, salaries and miscellaneous expenses.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



IN THE LGH LAUNDRY WASH ROOM
First Lieut. Carl D. Hennessy, QMC, in charge of the Quartermaster Laundry here, looks on while sheets are being put into one of the washers. L to R: Ricardo Montes, washroom foreman, John Craft, Joe Scott.



THEY HANDLE THE PAPER WORK
The laundry office, where three civilians take care of the bookkeeping and other office duties. L to R: Mrs. Delight Fryd, Mrs. Frances Parry, civilian-in-charge; Mrs. Thelma Hopper.



THE CLOTH CUTTER IN ACTION
The electric cloth cutter which was installed at the suggestion of George Hansen, superintendent, who looks on while Josephine Giaccarini operates the cutter.



IN THE PRESS ROOM
Vallerie Stepter puts on the finishing touches with the garment-pressing machine.



THE FINISHED PRODUCT
Lolita Bechthold assorts personal laundry, which is now ready to be put in bundles.

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EDITORIAL

YOU CAN HELP

A fund drive began this week at Letterman for the American Overseas Aid—United Nations Appeal for Children. The drive will continue until the end of May, and personnel of the various departments of the hospital have been assigned to ask for your donations.

Money contributed to this fund will go to provide food, clothing and medicine for the starving children of other countries. These necessities will be distributed irrespective of race, creed or political belief.

The AOA-UNAC is the organization set up through the United States Secretary of State and the Department of Agriculture to raise money to feed homeless and helpless children, and to do something about their health and education.

The UNAC is to get \$21 million of the \$60 million sought. This money is the share of the American people of the community chest being raised in 45 countries to feed as many of these starving children as can be reached.

The remainder of the money has been allocated to 25 American aid groups.

The children who will be helped by your donation are those left in the wake of war. They are homeless; many are orphaned, and all are hungry. Perhaps through your help they



Congratulations to Captain Grace Delaney, ANC, who received her promotion to that rank this week. Brigadier General Dean F. Winn pinned the twin silver bars on her shoulders in an informal ceremony in his office.

First Lieut. Frances DesPrez of Physical Therapy is taking off on a three-week leave. She has taken a cottage to Santa Cruz for part of the time, and intends to take short trips from there to other California vacation spots.

Lieut. Col. Elsie Schneider, ANC, Chief Nurse, and Major Frances Henchey, ANC, spent Sunday enjoying the sun at Carmel. It seems there were so many sunbathers on the beach that "it looked like Coney Island."

Five members of the dietitians staff will be saying good-bye to Army life next week. The 28th of May is the date, and those who are returning to civilian life are Lieutenants Henrietta Henderson, Margaret Bohn, Naomi Meilicke, Eunice Moratz and Louise Page.

Two of the civilian nurses, Miss Anne Campbell and Miss Mary Kennedy, are each taking a month's leave. Miss Campbell plans to get a good rest at home, and Miss Kennedy will spend her vacation at Carmel.

Five ANC members started leaves this week. Captain Loretta Bevins will spend a week in Los Angeles, and Captain Areline Burkhead is taking a 30-day vacation. Captain Alma Frey left Tuesday for a month at home in Humphrey, Nebraska. Captain Alvine Schmidt will visit relatives in Washington, D. C., in Baltimore and in Montana during her 30-day leave. First Lieutenant Nellie Casey, who is also taking a month's leave, will visit her sister in Chicago, and will also attend the Nurses' Convention while she is there.

will have a chance to learn of peace and friendship and humanity.

WAC

The Letterman WACs played hostess to their many guests Friday, 14 May, in honor of the sixth anniversary of the Women's Army Corps. Open house was held at the WAC barracks from 6 o'clock until 8 in the evening, and at 9 o'clock, the WACs and their guests continued the celebration at the Letterman NCO Club. Judging from the number of persons present for the occasion, the WAC anniversary party was a huge success.

T/4 Bessie Jeffries has been seen in 212 with a brilliant red patch on her pajamas—forget salvage day, Jeffries?

Visitors at Letterman: S/Sgt. "Pat" Dever's father was here in time to partake of the anniversary celebration last Friday. Sgt. Marilouise Damm had the pleasure of entertaining T/3 Hazel Greer, a WAC friend who has recently returned from Japan. T/3 Aletha Birchfield's mother and father were visitors here last week. T/4 Gertrude Churchill brought the youngest visitor to our detachment last Sunday. Her 15-day-old niece, who, by the way, was born on Churchill's birthday, was the center of attraction in 214.

Lt. Frances Harlee, Lt. Adele Montean, Sgt. Marilouise Damm, T/3 Frances Jenkins and T/Sgt. Eleanor Eaton went fishing last Saturday afternoon and caught 27 fish . . . at least, that's what we were told.

T/4 Norma Underhill also went fishing last week-end; she came back with a beautiful sunburn, but no fish.

T/Sgt. Marie Nelson, T/3 Mary Harko, T/4 Pauline Smith and S/Sgt. Esther Hart went out to Half Moon Bay last Sunday, and they, too, acquired that reddish hue which seems to be so rare among Northern Californians.

Probably resulting from overwork and fatigue after preparing for open house, the girls in 214 can be heard mumbling in their sleep, "Who's got the dustpan?"

Congratulations to the following WACs who have added a stripe to their chevrons. To Staff Sergeant: Sgt. Dorothy Gustafson, T/4 Gertrude Churchill, T/4 Carolyn Fix, T/4 Kathleen Kelly, T/4 Meryl Meredith, T/4 Rose Ruscak; to Tech-

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 23 May, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

"Anzio Beachhead"

"Anzio Beachhead," latest of the American Forces in Action Series now being published by the Department of the Army's Historical Division, was received at Letterman this week, and a limited number of copies are available for distribution to those interested. They may be obtained at the Troop Information & Education office, building 1039.

The book is illustrated with photographs of the locale of the action, and the narrative covers the first six weeks of struggle to hold the beachhead against German attacks. The material is a first narrative, and a more definitive history will be published later. In order that this later work may be as complete and correct as possible, readers are urged to send comments, criticisms or additional data on the period covered (22 January-25 May 1944) to the Historical Division, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.

Library

"Anything that can happen to someone else, can happen also to you." This is on the fly leaf of a new book by Willa Gibbs, entitled "The Tender men." It is a story of communism in San Francisco, and the "tender men" are the commies who befriend a new arrival, educate him, get him a job and secure his loyalty. Then when a girl comes between them, things start to happen, and we leave it to you to discover the exciting denouement. In the Library.

nician Third Grade: T/4 Frances Black; to Technician Fourth Grade: T/5 Wanda Collins.

WAC OF THE WEEK



DORIS O'DONNELL
Sergeant

Sergeant Doris O'Donnell was born in Warroad, Minnesota, which is a very few miles from Minnesota's Canadian border. She went to school and spent most of her life there until early 1944.

In 1944 she went to work for Boeing Aircraft Company as a riveter. She worked for a short time in their Grand Rapids plant and then in their Seattle, Washington plant. Most of the time she worked on B-29 bomber wings.

A grave decision was made by Doris in March of 1945, and she enlisted in the Wac. Immediately after her enlistment she was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for four weeks of basic training. Upon completion of basic she attended an eight week course in pre-medical training.

Her first actual assignment was at De Witt General Hospital in Auburn, California. She worked on an N. P. Ward until the hospital closed in December of 1945. She was then assigned to Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan, where she worked on an Orthopedic ward and later as Detachment mail clerk.

In March of 1947 Doris was sent overseas to Vienna, Austria, and assigned to the 110th Station Hospital. She was assigned to the O.B. ward in the hospital. During her stay in Austria she visited many interesting places, among which were: Berchtesgaden, Garmish Rest Center, and Salzburg. Although she liked Germany and Austria very much, somehow, she likes the United States much better.

She returned from overseas in January of this year and after a twenty-day furlough at her home in Minnesota, she came to Letterman General Hospital and was assigned to the Central Service Section.

Doris plans to get out of the WAC in June of this year. The first thing

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The Quiz Show which is given in the Recreation Hall every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:30 for the benefit of all patients has been changed and a new type of Quiz Show has been adopted. They now call it the **Safety Quiz**. Ten contestants are picked from the audience to participate in the quiz. For each correct answer they receive the sum of fifty cents. The person who correctly answers the "Jackpot" question receives the sum of four dollars. Why not come down and try your luck, fellows?

John Walsh has been very busy earning educational credits. However, whenever he can tear himself away you can find him down at the Occupational Therapy Shop busily making a silver trinket of one sort or another. John is on ward K-1.

Cpl. James Gleason of ward 41 has been trying to let his hair grow long enough to arrange it in the latest "Hollywood" style. His ward-mates, however, had different ideas. They ambushed him and cut his hair in such a way that it was necessary for him to get it cut "G.I." style.

Pfc. Arthur Ramirez of ward K-3 received a box of candies and cookies from home the other day. He made a big mistake, however, when he tried to hide them from his ward-mates. They got hold of the box while he was out of the ward and except for one cookie and one piece of candy they consumed the entire contents of the box.

Pfc. William Henderson and Tec. 4 Charles Sherman, both of ward F-1, went to Lake Carson over the week end to see what they could catch in the way of fish. They tried almost every type of bait there is; but had no success until in desperation they finally tried it without any bait. This netted them exactly one fish. Incidentally, they do not plan to go back to Lake Carson.

The whole of ward 2 is in a very bad humor this week due to the fact that they do not have their morning to themselves any more. Starting last week everyone in the ward has to help clean up the ward, before they can leave the ward.

she plans to do is to take a long, long rest; but as to what she will do after that, she hasn't yet decided.

Cpl. Arthur Larson, T/Sgt. William O'Keef, Pfc. Charles Hoover, and M/Sgt. Robert W. DeKalands, all of ward K-2, are some of the more avid bridge players on the ward. The whole ward is very bridge conscious and it is a very rare day when you don't see at least three bridge games in progress.

Cpl. Allen Taylor of ward 3 claims to be a very good chess player. He has beaten all challengers in his ward and in the surrounding ward. He is hereby sending out a challenge to all chess players who think that they may be able to give him some competition. He is getting very bored with winning all the games he plays.

Members of the Letterman Stamp Club were busy this week with preparations for the club's Second Annual Exhibit, to be held Monday evening, 24 May, at 7 p. m., in the Recreation Center. Visitors are welcome, and refreshments will be served, courtesy of the **Barbecue Club**. Members of the California Collectors' Club of San Francisco, and of the East Bay Collectors' Club of Oakland, are cooperating in the presentation of the stamp exhibits.

Army Offers Course In Jap Language

(AFPS)—Assignment to the Army Language School for a School for a course in Japanese is being offered qualified Regular Army men reenlisting and civilians who desire to enlist for the school, the Army announced recently. Enlistments and reenlistments for this assignment must be for three, four, five or six years.

Successful applicants will receive a complete course in the Japanese language and instruction in certain technical subjects required for specialized duties in occupation forces.

The course will run from three to twelve months, giving graduates a working knowledge of written and oral Japanese, Japanese history, geography, racial characteristics, customs and social practices.

Applicants must have a good background in English and be sufficiently familiar with Japanese to warrant further study of the language, and must attain a minimum score of 100 in Army intelligence tests.

ON THE SPOT



LOYD I. CELCER
Technician Fifth Grade

Technician Fifth Grade Loyd I. Celcer of the Surgical Service first entered the service on the 26th of June 1947 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Loyd took his basic training at the Infantry Replacement training Center, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. From there he went to the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas in September 1947 and graduated from this school as a Medical Technician in December 1947.

Loyd arrived at Letterman on the 9th of December 1947 and was immediately assigned to Surgical Service, where he has remained during his entire "hitch" here.

Loyd was born at Stigler, Oklahoma, and attended grade school and high school there. He majored in mathematics during his high school years by taking business arithmetic, Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and plane geometry.

Due to Loyd's ripe old age of 18 years and the fact that he entered the Army soon after graduation he held only part time jobs during his years of schooling. He worked in a garage and filling station for several months and was working in a drug store when he decided to enter the service.

Loyd's hobbies are sports of all kinds, especially football, in which he was a first team participant for three years during his high school career. Although he weighed only 130 pounds at this time, he successfully filled the quarterback and halfback position.

Loyd's future plans include graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He also plans to play some football on the side if he can stretch his present weight of 145 pounds to a modest 160 or 165.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Elizabeth Bringman and Mary Gombosh of Medical Supply are great tennis enthusiasts and they spend their lunch time playing tennis on one of the Letterman courts.

Mary Jane Hawley, Ward S-1, has been on leave due to the illness of her father, who is now improving rapidly.

Mary Lerner of the Dental Branch writes that she saw no Texas steers during her visit in the Lone Star State. She also visited New Orleans and is now sun-bathing in Miami, Florida.

Verla Worn of the Laboratory Section is resigning to accept a position in the city.

"Ace" Guth of Ward B-1 tells us that she is teaching two patients on the ward to play a new game called kalucci and they are very fascinated with the game. "Ace" says kalucci takes the place of gin rummy.

George Perry of the Post Office is enjoying three weeks vacation in Chicago.

Alice Thompson of the Post Exchange and her husband are planning to spend the Memorial Day week end with their children in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Audrey Mathis of the Post Exchange is spending a week's leave in Oregon.

We extend a welcome to Cline Beckham, a new employee in the Post Exchange. Mrs. Beckham enjoys working at Letterman and in the PX very much.

Lettermanites said farewell this month to Mildred Pell of Neuropsychiatric Service, who resigned her position.

Rosalind Schaffer of Physical Medicine Service is wearing a hand-some diamond on her engagement finger, but she hasn't yet announced the name of the lucky man.

Myrtle Siemsen, secretary to Brigadier General Heaton, is wearing a becoming new upswept hairdo, and it looks especially nice with the ice-blue earrings she had on one day this week.

"How long did you spend at your homework?" the teacher asked Johnny.

"Well-l-l-l," drawled Johnny, "I studied from Red Skelton to the 10 o'clock news."

LETTERMAN WELCOMES NEW CHIEF OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SECTION



Captain ADA MARIE BOWERS, WMSC
Chief of Occupational Therapy Section

This week Letterman welcomed Captain Ada Marie Bowers, WMSC, the new Chief of Occupational Therapy Section. Captain Bowers is happily orienting herself in her new surroundings, and has been singularly fortunate in finding an apartment. She expects to get one in the Marina by the first of June, and says she thoroughly appreciates her good luck.

Captain Bowers, whose friends call her Ada Marie, as though it were all one word, or sometimes just "A.M." (wonder if that means she likes to get up early?), was born in Los Angeles. She received her B.E. degree at UCLA, where she majored in Physical Education, and her M.A. at Columbia, in New York, where she says she majored "mostly in New York City." This last statement can't be strictly the truth, because she did get her Master's degree, even though she managed to get in a lot of big-city fun while studying.

She taught Physical Education at Huntington Beach, California for a time, then during the war was an Army hostess at Camp Cooke. While with the Army she became interested in its occupational therapy

program, and took the Army training in that subject at USC. She did her practical O.T. work while training at two Army hospitals—McCaw General Hospital at Walla Walla, Washington, and Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, California.

Captain Bowers' first assignment upon finishing her training was at McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena. She went there in January 1946, and was a civilian occupational therapist until January of this year, when she received her commission in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps. She was chief of the O.T. Section at McCornack.

She recently completed the 8-week Army basic training course at Fort Sam Houston, and while there also took an administrative course given for heads of O.T. Sections.

Captain Bowers enjoys sports, particularly horseback riding and tennis. Before she came into the Army she spent a year on a guest ranch in Arizona, and liked the life so much that she would like some day to make her home on a ranch.

She has her car here with her, and intends to do some exploring of San Francisco and surrounding territory.



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Carlton G. Booker, a girl, **Patricia Ann**, born 6 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Carroll H. Goynes, a boy, **Thomas Carroll**, born 6 May.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Jack L. McLaughlin, a boy, **Gregory Allen**, born 7 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert A. Kohl, a girl, **Arlene Frances**, born 7 May.

To Major and Mrs. John B. Harding, a boy, **Carlton Barlow**, born 7 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Harry Lee Armstrong, a girl, **Sandra Louise**, born 8 May.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Charles E. Crierger, a girl, **Jo Ann Louise**, born 8 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John R. Goodlet, a boy, **Jeffrey Ronald**, born 8 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Howard W. Samples, a boy, **Donald Ray**, born 8 May.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert M. O'Malley, a boy, **John Michel**, born 10 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Merrill L. Pulsifer, a girl, **Ruby Madeliene**, born 10 May.

To Major and Mrs. Lynn C. Lee, a boy, **Charles Alan**, born 10 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles B. Parsons, a boy, **Cary Richard**, born 11 May.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles B. Boswell, a girl, **Lyn Adele**, born 11 May.

To Pvt. and Mrs. R. C. Bell, a girl, **Janine Beth**, born 11 May.

To Pfc. and Mrs. John T. Lind, Sr., a boy, **John Thomas, Jr.**, born 11 May.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Charles J. Bach, a boy, **William Edward**, born 12 May.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Robert S. Cowan, a girl, **Linda Ann**, born 12 May.

Policeman: "But, lady, when you found all the dresser drawers open and the contents scattered all over the floor, didn't you suspect that burglars had been in the house?"

Women: "No. I just thought my husband had been looking for a clean shirt."

MEDICAL DETACH

S/Sgt. David L. Blackburn of Physical Reconditioning Branch is very unhappy these days because his record as coach of the Letterman Girls' softball team has not been properly publicized. O.K. "Blackie," here it is: 6 wins and 2 losses.

T/3 Lawrence Riley of the E.K.G. Clinic says that M/Sgt. George Pennington of Medical Supply is "hen-pecked" without being married. Riley should know all the symptoms.

M/Sgt. Harold "Swede" Larsen of Physical Medicine Service says that the 17th of May is the Norwegian "4th of July." The 17th, so he says, is the day that "10,000 Swedes ran through the weeds, chased by 1 sick, etc. etc. O.K. "Swede," we will take your word for it.

T/5 LeRoy Hessler of Troop I and E Branch and Corporal George "Cousin" Margheim of Physical Medicine Service are a pair of related calendar gazers. The reason: They are due for discharge the 15th of June.

First Lieut. Ray Lehman of Physical Reconditioning is being accused of getting a home run off a scratch single. Lieut. Lehman says that it doesn't make any difference how you get them as long as they mark 'em up on the scoreboard.

Sergeant John Lemanski of Special Services is now a patient in Ward K-3, preparatory to being transferred to Walter Reed Hospital at Washington, D. C. Good luck, John.

Sergeant Elam Hillyard of the "Lab" says that he doesn't mind being described as the man who looks like he was hit by a prize-fighter but definitely resents being described as looking like said pugilist.

Corporal Ceasar Barnes of Custodial Service Branch says that he enjoys his work very much but wishes that the Radio Station "gang" would jar loose with more cigars in the future.

Jones: "My wife used to play the piano a lot, but since the children came she doesn't have time."

Smith: "Children are a comfort, aren't they?"

HE FOUND THAT IT WASN'T EASY TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH HIS YOUNG SON



Captain CHARLES A. TOOMBS, MSC
Adjutant and Evacuation Officer, Hospital Train Section

Captain Charles A. Toombs, who is Adjutant and Evacuation Officer of the Hospital Train Section at Letterman, has been here since August 1946. He was Train Ration officer for a short time when he first came, but after only two trips on hospital trains, he was appointed Adjutant, and his travels ceased. However, one of his two trips took him to Miami for his first look at Florida, and almost—but not quite—he transferred his favorite state allegiance to Florida. But of course California held its own with him, even if he was born in New York.

His home town is Geneva, N. Y., where he was born on March 18, or as he puts it, "one day too late for St. Patrick's birthday." He is a graduate of Cornell University's College of Hotel Administration, where he received his degree in 1938. Before he entered the Army he was assistant manager of Hotel Cataract in Niagara Falls, and later held the post of assistant manager of the Hotel Gramaton at Bronxville, N. Y.

In 1940 Captain Toombs came to California for a vacation, and liked it so well that he remained long enough to get back into hotel work,

this time at the Eureka Inn, in Eureka, California. He came into the Army in August 1942, and went to Camp Barkley, Texas, for basic training. Upon completion of basic he went through OCS at Camp Barkley, and received his commission in March, 1943. His first assignment was at Palm Springs, where the 22nd General Hospital was in process of organization.

He went overseas with the 22nd, as Director of Dietetics. The 22nd was at Blandford, England, near Bournemouth, until after the end of the war, when it was deactivated, and Captain Toombs was with the hospital until that time. Before returning to the States in January 1946, he was stationed for a short time with the 163rd General Hospital, near London.

Captain Toombs spent his leave upon his return home in Vancouver, B. C., where he had a chance to get acquainted with his 18-month-old son Danny, who was born while the captain was overseas. Danny is now nearly four, and is finally perfectly willing to accept his father's friendly advances. However, he now has to share his dad with a brother, Michael, who was born nearly a year ago here at Letterman.



There has been a deal of sewing of stripes around HTU for the past few days. The reason: twenty-three men were promoted in grades from T/5 to that of Staff Sergeant. Tech. Sgt. Barnes reports that the supply of chevrons is holding out fairly well, but that if promotions should continue at this same rate he cannot promise a thing.

Tech. Sgt. Arthur Ainley has returned from furlough and is busy in the maintenance office. Pfc. John R. Walker is learning the details of the work in the message center and mail room.

Tech. Sgt. Drasher: how about that wedding present (rolling pin) you have received? A rolling pin, it is understood, may be used for making pies, cakes, etc. Have you yet discovered whether or not this instrument can also be used as a weapon?

Six men of HTU are now in the process of clearing the Post.

When one 1st Sergeant takes a three day pass it starts a cycle. Ask either Sgt. Garland or Sgt. Dix, both on pass this week.

If instruction should ever be needed in the operation of a power lawn mower, T/5 Marvin Borechert is the man to see. Sometimes however, even an expert has trouble with a balky motor.

The question has arisen about the neat row of railroad ties stacked in a single overlapping row around the tracks. Are they supposed to fence in the Hospital cars, or keep the Airplanes out, or perhaps they are intended as a traffic guide to keep vehicles off the Air Strip. To those of the Unit who are bothered by this problem, suggest you see Sgt. Casperson, or Sgt. Kane for the answer.

"So you are 100 years old," said the young reporter to the centenarian. "How have you managed to live so long?"

"Well, son" answered the aged man, "I got married when I was 21 and the missus and I made an agreement. We decided that if we had arguments, the loser would take a long walk to get over being mad. And I suppose I have been benefited most by the 79 years of fresh air."

Troop Information And Education

The Troop Information Program for the last week was "The People Run Our Country." "For 150 years we American citizens have been getting into arguments among ourselves. The American citizen has always had and has always used the right to sound off with anything that was on his mind. In a democracy, our government is everybody's business. In a democracy, our government has created and guided the growth of a great country. There is plenty of sounding off among our citizens about how we govern ourselves—because the one is part of the other."

One of the numerous points around which discussion centered was eligibility and qualifications for voting. It was learned that the right to vote was derived from the individual states. And as such, servicemen wishing to vote in the coming elections must apply to their state registrar of voters. Captain Margaret Lasseter is the voting officer for Letterman. Postage-free applications for ballots may be secured from her. The process of absentee voting was then taken up.

How minority groups register protest votes, what an individual's recourse is when displeased with legislation, and the role of the 'politician' in government were equally investigated.

"Who is your Congressman?" That was one of the queries levelled at the listeners. The answers proved that more attention should be directed toward our elected officials and the policies formulated by them and under which we live.

Some sample ballots for the California Primary Elections were displayed and explained. Other election literature was shown and discussed.

It costs the taxpayers quite a bit of money to have the arguments for and against the City Charter Propositions given to every voter. But all agreed it was an excellent way to disseminate legitimate information. For here both sides can state their reasons and the intelligent voter can properly choose.

"The next time you walk into a voting booth and mark a ballot, you'll be holding a key to this nation's future. Your vote won't mean more than the other fellow's, but along with his and a thousand and a million and ten million votes by others, you will help to determine your country's way of life."



WACS CELEBRATE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY
Members of the Letterman WAC detachment gather round the six-story cake at their sixth birthday celebration held last week. The detachment held open house for Letterman personnel, and a big crowd came to enjoy the evening's fun. L. to R.: T/4 Bessie Jeffries, T/4 Rebecca Monroy, T/3 Marjorie Burns, T/3 Edith J. Altenburg, Captain Charlotte Woodworth, the WAC CO; S/Sgt. Viola Hocking, T/4 Leatris Lamascus, T/5 Wanda Collins.

HOMESTATE

Charleston, W. Va. (AFPS)—Theatergoers here have no need to worry about the hats obstructing their view. A law passed in 1897 specifically states that persons may be fined from \$2 to \$10 for failing to remove their hats. The law was passed during the "picture hat" (big ones) vogue of that time.

Philadelphia (AFPS)—The nine cats of the late Miss Mary I. Clay not only have nine lives, but \$75,000, too. Miss Clay's will also stipulated that the cats shall have the run of the first floor of her house "except the parlor."

Atlanta, Ga. (AFPS)—A mint julep is just the thing for heart disease, believes Dr. George R. Herrman, medical professor at the University of Texas. He told a meeting of Georgia physicians here recently that juleps dilate the arteries of the heart, and added, "it might be a good idea for people to start sipping them more and taking things easier to help ward off an alarming increase in heart disease."

Oklahoma City (AFPS)—A mighty crash resulted near here recently when two trucks col-

MORE ABOUT KATE SMITH

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Smith's war record of selling more than three million dollars worth of war bonds in a single day and said that few Americans had her ability to encourage and alert the public effectively to an understanding of the problems confronting it.

"One of the greatest problems today," General Bliss said, "is the lack of adequately staffed hospitals. Since you were a student nurse at one time, you know how proud a young woman feels about entering a School of Nursing. In backing these programs, I personally feel that you can do this nation another tremendous service."

Kate Smith was a student nurse at the George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D. C., prior to embarking upon her distinguished radio career. She has been before the American public in radio for nineteen years.

lided. One truck carried some 15,000 pounds of industrial glass which was smashed to smithereens. The other vehicle was hardly scratched. It was a junk truck.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Eligible veterans who want to take courses under the G-I Bill that cost more than \$500 for the normal school year may do so by trading training time for the extra cost, according to Veterans Administration.

The additional charge in training time will be at the rate of one day for each \$2.10 of the excess charge above the \$50 maximum payment allowed by law.

Veterans desiring to enroll in excess cost courses must authorize VA to pay the full charges by filling in forms provided for that purpose.

To prevent overpayment of subsistence allowances, Veterans Administration urges ex-GI students and their schools to notify VA as soon as a veteran breaks off or completes his program.

A veteran student in training under the G-I Bill is not entitled to subsistence allowances after the date he interrupts or completes his training. In some cases, veterans stop their training and receive additional payments before VA is notified of their change in status. All such overpayment must be refunded to the government.

Advance notice is preferable whenever a decision is made to discontinue training. However, prompt notice immediately after such a break in training will prevent most overpayments.

More than \$4,000,000,000 has been spent on veterans education and training programs under the G-I Bill and Public Law 16 since the start of the respective programs. More than half of this sum was spent during 1947.

About 40,000 schools and colleges have been approved to train World War II veterans under the G-I Bill and Public Law 16. Over 700,000 training establishments have been approved to give job training under the same laws.

Question: I have been discharged from the service for over a year. What is the latest date on which I can enter school or take training under the G.I. Bill.

Answer: You have until July 25, 1951 to start school or training under the provisions of the G.I. Bill and all schooling or training must be completed by July 25, 1956.



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Memorial Services Will Honor War Dead on Sunday

In keeping with tradition the honored dead of all wars will be remembered in ceremonies and tribute paid to their heroic deeds on Memorial Day. It falls on Sunday.

Although the law provides for a celebration on Monday most of the ceremonies will be held this year on Sunday.

At 0001 on Sunday the members of Frederick Bunch Post No. 16, American Legion, will hold their time honored ritual at Lotta's Fountain at Kearney and Market Streets. The color guard and buglers furnished by the Sixth Army will participate in the program. Lt. Col. Thomas L. McKenna, Letterman Chaplain, and also Chaplain for Bunch Post, will open the program with an invocation.

On Sunday morning at 0945 a parade will start from Van Ness Avenue and Lombard Street to the Presidio National Cemetery where the mayor's committee will sponsor memorial services within the cemetery. The speaker of the day will be Brig. Gen. Frederic B. Butler, Commanding Officer of the Central Military District of California. Chaplain Daniel P. Shea of Letterman will pronounce the benediction.

At 1100 memorial services will be held at the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno under the auspices of the Allied Veterans Council.

One of the nation's most unusual Memorial Day services will be held by San Francisco Port of Embarkation on Sunday when a special ceremony will honor World War II dead recently returned from overseas and resting temporarily in the Port Distribution Center awaiting final burial.

Colonel Fenton S. Jacobs, Commanding Officer, announced plans



SHE'S A CAPTAIN NOW
The Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Dean F. Winn, pinning the twin bars of her new rank on the service uniform of Captain Grace Delaney, Army Nurse Corps.

for the program and extended an invitation to the public to attend. Next of kin of war dead are especially invited.

The program will be held in front of Headquarters Building, Oakland Army Base from 10:35 AM to 11:00 AM on Sunday, May 30.

The service will include a Memorial Day sermon; music by the post organist and chapel singers; taps; and a firing squad salute to the dead. A large floral wreath will be

placed on a stand near the flagpole in tribute to the approximately 400 war dead expected to be resting in the Distribution Center Memorial Day.

Special traffic details will be on duty to guide visitors, entering from either the Bay Bridge or the Oakland entrances to the post. Special buses will operate between the Key System Army Base Terminal and the ceremony scene to accommodate those arriving by electric train.

Organized Reserve Units to Train With Regulars

Members of Organized Reserve Corps units in the eight Western states will train and work alongside their Regular Army counterparts during this year's summer field training exercises to be conducted from May 15 to September 26, General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army commander, announced recently.

Each participating unit will attend camp in a body for a 15-day period of active duty, although the present state of organization and development of most units will not permit them to function as such in field problems.

However, ORC unit commanders feel that being able to assemble most of their men in one place under field conditions and proper equipment will be an important step in preparing them for their ultimate role as a citizen reserve ready to mobilize on short notice and reinforce the Regular Army in the field, if an emergency should be declared.

During their brief duty tours the reservists will participate in the same training the Regulars are undergoing at that time at eight installations of the Sixth Army area.

Fort Lewis, Wash., will be the scene of the greatest activity with reserve infantry, field artillery, cavalry, engineer, armored, quartermaster, signal, military police and adjutant general personnel all receiving training there. Additional infantry, quartermaster, MP and adjutant general troops will be at Fort Worden, Wash., and transportation units will be stationed at the San Francisco and Seattle Port of Embarkation.

Fort Winfield Scott, in San Francisco, will be host to Coast Artillerymen, ordnance troops will receive instruction at Sierra Ordnance De-

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Veterans Administration Explains New Benefits to GIs

The 191,000 World War II veterans in education and training programs in the Veterans Administration Branch 12 area were urged today not to write or contact VA offices asking how to qualify for increased subsistence benefits due to changes in rates, ceilings and number of dependents.

The higher rates will be paid automatically to those G-I Bill trainees whose existing applications with VA contain the information needed to certify them for increases authorized in a bill signed recently by President Truman.

Adjustments for qualified disabled veterans training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16) will also be automatic.

In the Branch 12 area 159,000 veterans are enrolled in school, 30,000 in job-training and 2,300 in farm training.

When additional information is needed from veterans training under the GI Bill, the veteran will receive a form from VA asking for the necessary data. The first of these forms are already in the mail.

Veteran-trainees are urged to fill in the forms completely and return them promptly to VA. Adjustments will be made on the basis of the completed form.

VA also will enclose with May subsistence checks a printed explanation of the provisions of the new law.

The first adjustment that possibly can be made will be in the June subsistence allowances payable on or shortly after July 1. It is more likely that most of the initial payments at the higher rates will not be made before the July subsistence checks sent out about August first.

The increased benefits are retroactive to April first. In most cases the initial payment at the adjusted rate will include all increases due from April 1 through the end of the subsistence period covered by that check.

Veterans now in training will receive retroactive payments at the new rates back to April first if they return their completed forms prior to September 1, 1948.

The new law increases benefits to GI Bill trainees by raising pay ceilings, establishing new criteria for computing income for productive labor, and increasing subsistence allowances for part time school training and for combination school and job training programs, includ-



Veterans counselling service at work.

ing institutional on-farm training.

It also extends increased benefits to disabled veterans taking combination types of training under Public Law 16.

The higher monthly ceilings on earned income plus subsistence will increase VA allowances to many of the 490,000 veterans now training on-the-job under the GI Bill.

The new law provides that earned income plus subsistence shall not exceed \$210 a month for a veteran without dependents, \$270 for a veteran with one dependent, and \$290 for a veteran with more than one dependent. The previous limits were \$175 for a veteran without dependents and \$200 for a veteran with one or more dependents.

In the case of veterans in job training only, no change was made in the maximum subsistence payable of \$65 a month to a veteran without dependents and \$90 to a veteran with one or more dependents. The new ceilings will not benefit all job trainees. Some are already receiving the maximum allowances. Others are training for jobs that never will pay as much as the ceiling limits.

VA emphasized that the law never intended that a veteran, while in training, should get more in total pay from his trainer and the Government than the pay he will receive when he is fully trained. As a result, if the position for which he is training has a lower pay scale than the ceiling, the amount of subsistence allowance will be controlled by the lower figure.

Another provision of the new Bill

will give additional increases to some job trainees. Only wages for the standard work week, exclusive of overtime pay, now are considered earned income in computing subsistence under the new ceilings. Previously, veterans included pay for all regularly scheduled overtime work in reporting their earned incomes.

The higher ceilings also apply to veterans who are employed full or part time while attending schools or colleges under the GI Bill. The new law also provides subsistence increases for veterans studying part time in schools and colleges and training in programs which combine school and job training.

The increases will be based on the rates of subsistence authorized for full time school trainees by Public Law 411 passed last February. This law provides allowances of \$75 a month for a veteran without dependents, \$105 for a veteran with one dependent, and \$120 for a veteran with more than one dependent.

Veterans attending school on a part time schedule will be paid the proportion of the increased subsistence for which they qualify. Subsistence is paid for full time, three-quarters time, half-time, and one-quarter time training.

No subsistence is authorized for less than one-quarter time training. Almost 500,000 veterans now are taking part time school work. Those eligible for fractional increases based on the \$75 or \$105 rates will not have to apply for the increased allowances. Existing applications

generally will supply all the information needed to pay the new benefits.

Those with more than one dependent will be responsible for furnishing VA the evidence about their additional dependents. These men are cautioned that the evidence must be received by VA prior to September first in order that payments at the new rate may be made retroactive to April 1.

Veterans in full time combination programs, including institutional on-farm training, also benefit from the increased ceilings. In addition, they will be paid subsistence increases for the time they devote to school training.

The subsistence increase will be based on the percentage of a full time course of institutional training that their school work represents. The percentage scale governing payment of subsistence to veterans enrolled only for part time school training will be used.

The amount of the increase will equal the proportionate difference between the subsistence rate authorized for job training and the subsistence payments approved for school training. No increases will be allowed for veterans whose school work is not the equivalent of at least one-fourth of a full time school course.

MORE ABOUT ORGANIZED RESERVE

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pot at Herlong, Calif., and some quartermaster units will train at Utah General Depot in Ogden.

Major units participating will include elements of the 91st (Powder River) Infantry Division, of San Francisco, which will train at Fort Ord; and of the 96th (Deadeye) Infantry Division, of Montana, Idaho and Nevada and the 104th (Timberwolf) Infantry Division, of Oregon and Washington; which will train at Fort Lewis.

Elements of the 13th Armored Division, of Southern California and Arizona, are tentatively scheduled to train at Camp Hood, Texas, with the 2nd Armored Division.

"May I have the last dance with you?"

Big boy, you've just had the last dance with me!"

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



THE SURGEON GENERAL
Confers honorary membership in the Army Nurse Corps
on Miss Kate Smith while Colonel Mary G. Phillips, Chief,
Army Nurse Corps, looks on. --US Army Signal Corps
Photo



THE WAC SOFTBALL TEAM



THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Addresses the WAC Detachment on the future status of
the Corps.



HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS
Earned through taking General Educational Development
tests conducted by I & E at Letterman. Lieut. Frances
E. Harlee, right, Chief, I & E, presents the certificates
to Pfc Julius A. Engel and Pfc Martin F. Devenberg.

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EDITORIAL

'Lest We Forget'

(AFPS)—Again comes the day our nation has set aside to honor the valiant men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for their country and the ideals it stands for.

Memorial Day.

Past us now—written into history in cold print and engraved in the hearts of many millions in searing memories—are the terrible bloody horrors of the latest upheaval. The names of its victims have been added to the lists compiled in other wars. Another year has passed and these lists are buried deeper under the mantle of time . . . but never forgotten.

Bizerte and Sicily, Anzio and Guadalcanal, Kwajalein and Mt. Casino, Leyte and Bastogne are now combined in thought with Antietam and Vicksburg, Chicomauca and Gettysburg, San Juan Hill and Chateau Thierry, Belleau Woods and the Argonne.

Round the world stands thousands of mute reminders—stoic wood and marble crosses—constantly blaring in their own silent way the folly of bitterness, hate and war. Beneath them rest the remains of the gallant who through the years rallied under our flag, and died that we today might still hold our heads high in peace and freedom.

The day set aside to honor these men will find our people

WAC

Our Commanding General, Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, spoke to an assembly of the enlisted personnel and officers of the WAC of Letterman on Monday. General Winn commended the WACs on their performance of duty since their activation and encouraged them to carefully consider the advantages of remaining in the Army in the event the WAC Bill is approved by Congress.

The Letterman WAC Softball team defeated the Presidio team last Friday, 22 May, by a shut-out game, 4-0, on the LGH home field, Julius Kahn Playground. This evens the score between the two detachments, each winning and losing two of the four games played.

Seen around the barracks: S/Sgt. Dorothy Guy with her brand new stripes; a number of WACs dragging blankets and comforters outside to absorb some of the bright Saturday sunshine; T/Sgt. "Ellie" Eaton rushing for a mop after spilling a pot of freshly made coffee in the barracks dayroom; T/3 Frances Jenkins being closely watched by her barracks-mates as she tries to sneak in a few relieving scratches to her Poison Oak.

A few members of our Detachment, suffering from the common affliction, "sand in their shoes," took off to enjoy the week end in sunny parts of California. T/Sgt. Marie Nelson and T/4 "Becky" Monroy motored to Lake Tahoe. S/Sgt. Mary Hanko and T/4 Jeanette Peterson drove to Los Angeles—oh, for the life of the wanderer!

Although furloughs for the WACs have been frozen until the status of the WAC Bill has been established (authority: Bulletin Board), undaunted, a few of the girls are still requesting, receiving and enjoying three-day passes. Among the lucky ones were T/4 Betty Wugan and T/4 Jean Marsland.

S/Sgt. Esther Hart has been hostessing to 1st/Sgt. Doris Miller, her guest from McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena.

Captain Marion Chapin, former WAC Detachment commander here,

paying homage to their memory by decorating their last resting places or in patriotic gatherings to extoll their heroic virtues.

It is an indication that we do not forget.



Lieut. Betty Whipperfurth gave vent to her social talents by entertaining a group of friends at a cocktail party at the Nurse's Recreation Hall. California sunshine was the impetus, and the consensus of opinion was that she makes a very fine hostess and should be a "social butterfly."

Lieut. Betty Mahoney was pleasantly surprised when a birthday cake appeared at the morning coffee hour this week, in the nurses' quarters. Many happy returns of the day to you, and a very happy day it was too.

Lieut. Rose Baron and Lieut. Ruth Christiansen took off to the circus in an aura of nostalgic childhood days, which became a reality among balloons, hot dogs, popcorn, and "the man on the flying trapeze." "It was wonderful," said Lieut. Baron, "even if the popcorn was too salty."

Lieut. Mildred Kauffman added to the festivity of Lieut. Whipperfurth's cocktail party by playing the piano and awakening their musical senses so that they all gave vent to the songs within them by a "sing" which was enjoyed by one and all.

Lieut. Anne Silber and Mr. Jerry Cooper, a lawyer of this city, were married in Carson City where the beauty of the surrounding country added to the solemnity of the service. Then, on to New York, where they were entertained by friends and relatives. Congratulations and good luck.

Ask Capt. Dorothy Looby about her Indian Dance. Perfect rhythm, and so natural. Just another gay note that made that cocktail party such a success.

Congratulations, Lieut. Betty Hearn . . . the "gold" has turned to "silver" . . .

Lieut. Marie Lichtenberger and Lieut. Alice Moffett are patients these days. Do drop in for a visit to brighten their days and speed their recovery.

postcards us from Reno that life in the ETO still has a lot to recommend it as a temporary career.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 30 May, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Military Academy Appointments May Be Available to EM

Personnel of the Army and the Air Force who are interested in appointment to the United States Military Academy (West Point) and who possess the following qualifications are urged to submit an application prior to 6 June 1948.

The qualifications for attendance at the Academy are as follows; Age, 19-24; AGCT. 120 or higher; a citizen of the United States; at least one year of active Military Service; a high school graduate (or equivalent) with one year of Algebra and one year of Geometry; excellent character; possess the quality of leadership; pass a physical examination; and most important of all, must have the desire to be a commissioned officer of the United States Army.

Qualified applicants will be given a mental Designating Examination on 12 July 1948 and if they are accepted, they will be transferred to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School for the training Program starting 7 September 1948. The entrance Examination will be given upon completion of the preparatory training. Men who pass the examination will be discharged from the Army and enrolled as cadets in the class commencing 1 July, 1949.

'Twas the voice of the Press—on the startled ear breaking

In Giant-born prowess, like Pal-las of old;

'Twas the flash of Intelligence, gloriously waking

A glow on the cheek of the noble and bold.—Horace Greeley.

ON THE SPOT



ARNOLD L. BARDEN
First Sergeant

1st Sergeant Arnold L. Barden of Detachment Headquarters first entered the Service when the 131st Infantry Regiment, 33rd Division of the Illinois National Guard was Federalized at Chicago on the 5th of March 1940. The Regiment was then sent to Camp Forrest, Tennessee where it went through an intensive training program and then went on the 1941 Tennessee-Louisiana maneuvers.

In March 1942, Arnold was transferred to San Luis Obispo, California as cadre to the newly activated 320th Infantry Regiment, 35th Division. From there the Regiment went to Camp Rucker, Alabama for advanced training, and in December 1942 Arnold found himself on the Tennessee-Louisiana maneuvers for the second time.

The "320th" and Arnold went overseas in May 1943, and stayed in England until the invasion of Normandy.

Arnold landed on Omaha Beach at H-Hour on D-Day. He was wounded the first day and evacuated, but recovered to rejoin his original "outfit" in time for the St. Lo breakthrough.

He was a part of the "Lost Battalion" which was cut off and surrounded by the enemy at Mortain, France in September 1944. In this action, he assumed command of his Company after all the Officers had become casualties.

Arnold was wounded for the second time at Saarbrücken, Germany on the 26th of November 1944 and was evacuated by air to the 101st General Hospital at Paris, France. After being in several different hospitals, he was sent to Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois where he was a patient for nine months.

Upon being discharged, he re-enlisted and was assigned to "Mayo General" as Detachment 1st Ser-

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Cpl. Arthur Estrada, of ward F-1, has been devoting most of his spare time to increasing his skill in the game of golf. He believes that the time has come when the only thing that will help him is a little competition. He, therefore, submits a challenge to anyone who thinks that he (or she) can give him a few good pointers on the game.

The Chess Round Robin Tournament will end at midnight on the 31st of May. The award for the winner of the tournament will be a beautifully made set of plastic chessmen.

Sgt. Herman Thomas, of ward N-2 attended the USAFI Quiz show last Tuesday in hopes of winning a little money. When he was asked what he would like to talk about he said that he would rather sing a song. He sang "For Sentimental Reasons" and judging from the applause of the audience he did a very good job. So good, in fact, that the Quiz Master awarded him a silver dollar for his efforts. Others who also won silver dollars for correct answers were: Cpl. Charles Harris (ward K-3), S/Sgt. Charles B. Whalen (ward 41), Pfc. Wade Conwell (ward 27), Pvt. Manuel Avila (ward 29), T/3 Lonnie Gibbons (ward 42) and Pfc. Edward Farhadian (ward 29).

The 45th Infantry Division News will be sent on request to all former members of the 45th Infantry. Patients may write to the Secretary, 45th Infantry Division Association, 113½ West Broadway, Okemah, Oklahoma. A small number of copies of the "News" are received at our library each week.

At the meeting of the Chess Club on the 2nd of June, Mr. William Donnelly will speak on the subject, "Chess Traps."

Ward F-1 received a letter from a former member of the ward, Earl K. Allison. Earl is now in Brooks General. When the hospital closed in September 1946, he came to Letterman.

Arnold was born in Waupaca, Wisconsin and attended grade school and high school there. He worked as a salesman for Armour and Company while in civilian life. He plans to do "21" in the Army.

eral Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. He wants to say hello to all of his old friends in Letterman Hospital.

Pfc. Bruce Winters of Ward 41 was planning to settle in San Francisco after his discharge from the Army. Last week, however, he made a trip to Los Angeles, and when he returned he had decided to live down there instead. He stated that the weather had something to do with his change of mind. (I can't imagine what he does not like about San Francisco's weather.)

John De Mayo, of ward E-1, is the "pet" of that ward. It seems as though everyone in the ward is always trying to do something for him. However, that does not apply when it comes time for him to make up his bed. All his friends seem to disappear and he has to make it himself.

Attention all patients. Smoking in bed is prohibited in the ward unless specifically authorized by the ward officer, and will be restricted to bed patients, only, after lights are out. To avoid danger by fire no smoking by bed patients will be permitted after ward lights are extinguished, 2100 hours, unless ward attendant is present.

Capt. Eric Vogt, of Ward M-2, seems to spend most of his spare time making things for his fiancée. At the present time he is making a set of cameo ear-rings for her.

T/Sgt. Lorene Parmelee, of ward E-2, had a little trouble in finding his way around last week. It seems that he and his friend took a little trip and could not find their way back to the hospital. They both swear that it will never happen again. From now on, every time they leave the post, they are going to take a map with them.

School teacher (vacationing in country); "What a strange looking cow! Why has she no horns?"

Farmer: "Wal, some cows we de-horn and some cows are born without horns and never have any; some cows shed 'em and some cows get 'em broke off. Oh, there's plenty of reasons why a cow can turn up without horns. But so far as this cow is concerned, the reason why she ain't got no horns is that she ain't a cow at all, she's a mule!"

WAC OF THE WEEK



LORRAINE MEGLIO
Technician Fourth Grade

One of the two thousand WAC's from New Jersey is T/4 Lorraine Meglio. She is from Newark and currently a patient on Ward P-1. Before enlisting in the Army, she worked for seven years as an Inspector-Supervisor in an electrical plant. On 18 November 1944, Lorraine became a member of the WAC. Her basic training was taken at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Next, she attended a clerical school at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa.

With school behind her, she headed for New York City and worked in an Army Postal Center. The job included censoring and preparing of V-Mail to be photographed. Lorraine was in New York City for V-E and V-J days. Her comment was "What a time!"

Following that assignment, came Cooks and Bakers School at Camp Plauche, Louisiana. Upon completion of the courses she was assigned as a cook to the 110th WAC Detachment at Camp Stoneman. At Stoneman she was hospitalized due to an accident and transferred to Letterman.

Lorraine has been a patient for 12 months and at present is in a body cast. Numerous casts over a long period of time enabled her to know the staff in the cast room very well. T/3 Dewey Skelton is in charge of the Cast Room, and on the 8th of May 1948, Lorraine and Dewey announced their engagement. They plan to take leaves in August, and journey to Newark, New Jersey to be married. But California will be their home.

When the new top-kick was shown around the orderly room, he remarked: "That clerk seems to be a hard worker." "Yes," replied his guide, "That's his specialty." "What working hard?" "No, seeming to."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Bill O'Brien, Record Administrator's Office, and a group of friends went fishing recently at Boulder Creek and returned with 18 fish and a few fish stories to add to their collection.

Frances Parry, Laundry, gave a birthday party on Memorial Day for her daughter, Joan, and a friend, Evelyn, who were both born on Memorial Day. Frances made one big birthday cake for both of them. Frances doesn't believe in topping a cake with too many candles so she put on 19 for Joan and one for her friend, Evelyn.

On leave: Helen Franklin, Martha Phillips, Nursing Retiring Board, Mary McFadden, Public Information Office, and Helen Lund, Payroll Section, and her husband, Ray, who are vacationing in Salt Lake City. Marjorie Granger, Detachment of Patients, is spending a month's vacation in Louisiana, while Diane Carter spent her vacation in San Francisco and Oakland.

Long week-enders: Lillian Jones and Emily Knepp, Dental Branch, and Lillian's sister, Grace went to Rio Del Mar while Leone Brennan drove to Los Angeles. Esther Grobler, Civilian Personnel, and Margaret Trumpour, Finance, chose Santa Monica and "Marj" Hecht of Information Office visited Pacific Grove. Bob Giovannoli, Finance, headed for Lake Tahoe.

Helen Diez, Record Office, and her family are visiting her brother and his family in San Bernardino.

Lillian Taylor, Registrar's Office, June Grumstrup, Military Personnel, and Eloise Glue, Ward E-1, spent Sunday at the Marin Country Club swimming and sun-bathing. On Monday June attended the Bing Crosby golf tournament at Lake Merced.

A case of poison oak has kept Marion Breach, Military Personnel, on the inactive list.

Pearl Robillard, Payroll Section, assumed the role of painter and re-decorated her home. The finishing touches were put on during the week-end.

Gil Grady, Finance, spent his week-end recuperating from the week-end before. Seems he had to clear away the snow from his place at Lake Tahoe.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES ARE IN ORDER THIS WEEK FOR AUDREY



Mrs. AUDREY MATHIS
Who is in charge of the Hobby Shop in the Main PX here

Mrs. Audrey Mathis, who is in charge of the Hobby Shop in the Main PX, has been at Letterman nearly three years, and says she thoroughly enjoys her job. Her duties include both buying and selling, because she buys the merchandise for the Hobby Shop, and so has a chance to see it both coming and going. She is very much interested in her work, and has been responsible for starting a number of patients on new hobbies which they have found absorbing.

Audrey was born in Oelwein, Iowa, and after graduating from high school there she did office work in Waterloo, Iowa for three years before coming to California. After a brief time in Los Angeles, she came to San Francisco to visit an uncle she had not seen since she was a little girl. She fell in love with San Francisco, and with more than San Francisco, because while she was staying with her uncle she met her future husband, Charles Mathis, who was then in the Marine Corps. He is now working as a civilian at Fort Scott.

When she was first in the Bay Area, Audrey worked in Alameda,

where she was bookkeeper for the Western Auto Supply Company. She went back to her home in Iowa before her wedding, then came back and was married in the Presidio post chapel. Chaplain Joseph L. Gerhart, former Letterman chaplain, performed the ceremony, two years ago this week, on 24 May 1946. And this week Audrey and her husband are celebrating their wedding anniversary with a week's vacation in Oregon. They will visit Audrey's aunt, and they plan to do some trout fishing while they are away. If Charles' luck holds out, they ought to do all right on the fishing, because just last Saturday he came home with twelve fish for the family larder.

Audrey says she enjoys working with her hands, and likes sewing and cooking and baking. She enjoys dancing, too, and outdoor life. It's her ambition to get to be as proficient at swimming as her husband is. "He's much better at it than I am," she says. She has interested him in the hobby of leatherwork, and has learned textile painting herself. She also makes her own clothes, which is a mighty handy accomplishment.



To Cpl. and Mrs. Charles Joseph Bach, a boy, **William Edward**, born 12 May.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Armondo Pacentine, a boy, **Armond**, born 13 May.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Hugh E. Dwyer, a boy, **Robert Michael**, born 13 May.

To Lt. and Mrs. Theodore G. Olsen, a girl, **Ingrid Elizabeth**, born 14 May.

To Lt. and Mrs. Elmer W. Newsum, a boy, **Anthony William**, born 14 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Erich P. Matthews, a girl, **Hazel Wilma**, born 15 May.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Bobby L. Turbeville, a girl, **Virginia Lee**, born 15 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Jerome J. Jones, a girl, **Alice Kathleen**, born 15 May.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Andrew G. Gaines, a boy, **Alexander Lamont**, born 15 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. James A. Colvin, a girl, **Mamie Joe**, born 16 May.

Letterman Given Chance to Help in Jewish Fund Drive

The Jewish Welfare Fund, which is conducted annually in behalf of 52 local, national and international Jewish health, welfare, religious, education and cultural organizations, is now in the midst of its 1948 campaign for \$2,750,000.

Contributions may be sent to Captain Irving A. Friedman, M. C. Ward officer on L-1.

Major portions of the sums raised will be devoted to the \$250,000,000 national quota of the United Jewish Appeal, greatest fund raising campaign in the history of American Jewry.

This sum will be devoted to relief and rehabilitation of the million and half surviving Jews of Europe through the Joint Distribution Committee; absorption into the Palestinian economy of 75,000 immigrants, including 24,000 orphans through the United Palestine Appeal in 1948; and United Service for New Americans, major welfare agency in this country aiding victims of Nazism.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

T/Sgt. John Mack is in a much happier mood these days since the month of May is drawing to a close. The reason—he has been night C.Q. during May.

T/5 Gerald K. Gilbert of the Transportation Office has been counting the days until he gets discharged and is able to return to his farming in North Dakota.

We understand the Detachment 1st. Sgt. likes to go fishing in the bay in the early hours of Sunday morning. What we want to know is whether he caught any fish or not?

T/3 James Peyton is now a bachelor since his wife left for a six weeks' vacation at her home in Washington, D. C., but the Sarge won't miss her absences too much as he is going to be night C. Q. during June.

Since his Navy nurse has dropped him T/4 William Lacy has been stepping out on secret double dates. Well, he thinks they are secret any way.

HTU was able to chalk up two victories out of the three game volley ball series with Letterman Det last week.

Although Major Huey is busy with his duties on the Warrant Officer Board, we all look forward to the ten minutes a day he is able to spend at the Unit.

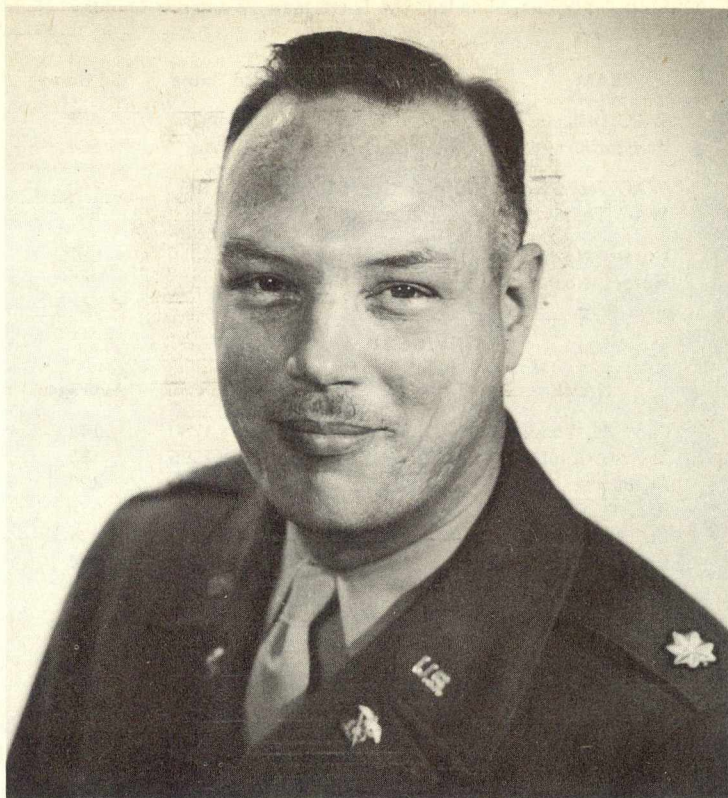
BEWARE

General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army Commander, has warned all military personnel and civilian visitors alike to refrain from picking so-called mushrooms at the Presidio of San Francisco.

The warning came after two civilians, recently visitors to the Post, were nearly fatally poisoned as the result of eating "deadly Amanitas" they had gathered there. Specimens of the types consumed were identified by Dr. Robert T. Orr of the Academy of Science in Golden Gate Park as a species which usually causes fatal poisoning.

The presence of the poisonous mushrooms was called to the attention of General Clark by Dr. J. C. Geiger, Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

MEET LETTERMAN'S HARD-WORKING PATIENT, MAJOR HARMSTEAD, QMC



Major JOHN S. HARMSTEAD, QMC
He's a collector at heart

Major John S. Harmstead, QMC, who has been a patient here since last November, is known to Lettermanites as a fast man with a quip. After two or three members of the staff of the Information & Education office had reminded him of his appointment to have the above photograph taken, he remarked sadly that he was nothing but "a fugitive from a 'jane' gang." But since he's practically a member of the I & E staff himself, they decided to let it pass. For some time now, ever since he found himself convalescing and with time on his hands, Major Harmstead has been working a part of each day in the I & E office.

He was born in Philadelphia, and grew up in California, Panama and Hawaii. His father was a naval officer, and "that's the reason I'm in the Army," he says. He has now accumulated 12 years of Army service. His first Army assignment, in 1934, was at Fort Clayton, Panama, followed by a year at Fort DuPont, Delaware. He was out of the service for a time, then re-enlisted, again for Panama, which is one of his favorite places. He was discharged

again in 1940, and worked for the Quartermaster Corps as a civilian, with a construction outfit in Panama.

The next time he re-enlisted he was assigned to duty at Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, and soon after Pearl Harbor he was sent to Indio, California for desert maneuvers. He went to OCS at Camp Lee, Virginia, from there, and after receiving his commission in October 1942, went to Camp Sibert, Nevada. He was next stationed at Turlock for a time, where he held the jobs of Purchasing and Contracting officer, assistant Quartermaster officer and Transportation officer.

He went overseas in November 1943, landed in Scotland, then went to England, and next to Ireland, thus covering the British Isles. Shortly after D-Day he went to Normandy, and remained in Chartres, France, until February 1945. Later he served in Germany with the 7th Army. After the war ended he served with the Army of Occupation at Bamberg, as CO of the troops attached to a QM salvage depot there.

He returned to the States in De-

MEDICAL DETACH

M/Sgt. Percy Carnes of the Detachment of Patients Office is a patient in Ward N-2. Percy says that he is afraid he is going to live and welcomes any and all visitors. Admission fee, 1 cigar.

T/4 Edward W. "Garibaldi" Sans of Troop I and E Branch really leads a tough life. "Garibaldi" (Baldy for short) complains that he can only spend two days a week at home. He professes undying love for Sacramento.

T/4 Ellis McDiffett of Out Patients Service denies vehemently that he is fat. Ellis says that he looks like that all the time.

T/Sgt. Joe Surowicz of the Hospital Service Branch recently pitched a no hit, no run game against Fort Ord. Mow 'em down, Joe.

1st Lieut. Al Raby, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Neuropsychiatric Service has been searching around the Troop I and E Office for a text on the Korean language. Wonder why?

M/Sgt. George Barte of the Claims Office, that experennial source of Foghorn copy is a very "sporty" fellow these days and it all adds up to his "sporty" Lincoln coupe (late 1931 model).

M/Sgt. Kenneth Robbins of Troop I and E Branch is back at the old grind after a 15 day furlough.

Sergeant George Adams of Troop I and E Branch got all decked out in his empire robes last Saturday in preparation for the arbiter roll between the Presidio and the Seals farm baseball team and the visitors didn't show up. George says he didn't mind losing the \$10.00 fee but he hated to change clothes.

cember 1946, and after a 45-day leave was assigned to the induction and separation center at Fort Warren, Wyoming. Later he was in Chicago as an instructor with the Organized Reserve Corps. He was hospitalized at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and later at Percy Jones General Hospital. He is now looking forward to the happy prospect of returning to duty in the near future.

Major Harmstead collects stamps, antiques, books — biographies, the classics, books on art, and dictionaries.

Troop Information And Education

How are your 'Human Relations?' This is becoming a subject of increasing attention. An understanding of the 'Psychology of Human Relations' is being recognized as of far reaching value to all of us in our everyday living. The character of your relations with those with whom you serve, who serve under you, and whom you serve under makes this subject one of vital personal interest.

Individual study of the subject can be accomplished by enrollment in United States Armed Forces Institute courses covered by various Educational Manuals. It is suggested that certain amount of orientation be accomplished by enrolling in EM 426, **Psychology and Life** (Parts 1 and 2.) Covering as they do "Motivation," and "Normal and Abnormal Reactions to Conflict," they are especially valuable. Part 3, the chapters on "Learning" and "Thinking" and the entire Part 4, "Man Among People," also bear closely upon the subject.

Additional understanding can be secured by enrollment in EM 487, "The Psychology of Adjustment." Chapters on "Human Conduct," "The Adjustment Process," "Personality Traits," "Organic Factors in Personality," "The Guidance of Readjustment," and "The Application of Mental Hygiene" are especially valuable.

The advanced student of psychology would be able to adapt principles and text materials of the following Education Manuals to his requirements for the study of human relations within the framework of the military establishment: EM 761, "Psychology Applied to Life and Work" (2 volumes); EM 478, "Principles of Abnormal Psychology;" and EM 481, "Principles of Applied Psychology."

At a later date, it is anticipated that related courses available through the cooperating colleges, can be brought to your attention for continuing your work in the study of "Psychology of Human Relations." Until such is available, the USAFI Courses mentioned will aid you in the study of the subject. Materials may be found in the Troop Information and Education Office, Building 1039, Ext. 4403.

"I don't like the looks of that catfish, waitress."

"Well, if it's looks you're after, Sarge, try a goldfish."

Letterman Keglers Activities

Results of games bowled by Letterman Women's Monday Night League, 24 May:

TEAM	1st Game	2d Game	3d Game
WAC Officers	615	587	656
Physiotherapy	595	573	564
WAC Team No. 1.....	513	570	602
WAC Team No. 2.....	607	488	561
Nurses No. 1.....	614	638	681
Nurses No. 2.....	553	523	565

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

NAME	Games	Tl. Pins	Averages
Capt. M. Young.....	12	1780	148
Lt. M. Kauffman.....	12	1595	133
Lt. Barrett	6	771	129
Sgt. D. Gustafson.....	12	1541	128
Lt. P. Patrick.....	12	1482	124
Lt. Ellison	6	742	124
Lt. E. Mueller.....	12	1474	123
Capt. R. Porter.....	6	731	122
Sgt. L. Roach.....	6	718	120
Capt. C. Woodworth.....	12	1418	118
Capt. M. Lassetter.....	12	1404	117
Lt. L. Browning.....	12	1398	117
Sgt. S. Burnett.....	12	1396	117
Sgt. E. Eaton.....	12	1390	116
Sgt. E. Dodson.....	12	1380	115
Lt. Dobaron	6	678	113
Lt. A. Hackett.....	9	1011	112
Lt. B. Hearne.....	6	665	110
Cpl. M. Davis.....	12	1304	110
Sgt. C. Fix.....	6	658	110
Lt. F. Harllee.....	12	1324	110
Sgt. C. Cooper.....	4 12	1319	109
Lt. L. Dahlquist.....	12	1264	106
Lt. Cougill	3	318	106
Lt. A. Lasse.....	12	1268	105
Lt. M. Mourik.....	9	931	104
Sgt. E. Hess.....	12	1241	104
Sgt. H. Brown.....	12	1230	103
Sgt. G. Marsland.....	3	301	100
Capt. Looby	3	295	99
Lt. A. Montean.....	12	1169	97
Lt. L. Shaffer.....	12	1119	94
Capt. A. Frey.....	6	551	93
T/5 H. Brost.....	9	840	93
Lt. Grenough	3	246	82
Lt. Crawford	9	713	79
Lt. B. Hayward.....	9	635	70
Lt. R. Sandhoff.....	3	122	40

League Standings

TEAM	Games	Tl. Pins	Avg.	Hi Gm.	G. W.	L.
WAC Officers	12	7295	607	662	8	4
Wac No. 1.....	12	6677	556	611	8	4
WAC No. 2.....	12	5757	471	599	7	5
Nurses No. 2.....	12	6532	544	605	6	6
Nurses No. 1.....	12	6654	555	645	6	6
Physio-Therapy	12	6081	506	513	2	10

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veterans, builders and lenders were warned today by the Veterans Administration that they face possible federal prosecution for making or accepting "side payments" in the sale of home properties with the aid of G-I loans.

Veterans who knowingly conspire to evade the law by making such side payments risk loss of their rights under all veterans laws, VA warned. All parties involved, including veterans, builders, lenders and agents, are liable to prosecution under federal law.

VA said that "side payments" are usually made for the purpose of evading the prohibition against sales to veterans in excess of appraised "reasonable value."

Many cases have been reported in which veterans have been induced to pay the builder or seller an amount over and above the sales price shown on the loan report submitted to VA, and upon which the Government loan guarantee is based.

VA said that any lender who submits a loan to VA for guaranty while possessing knowledge of a side payment in connection with the sale, even though the payment was made to a third party other than the lender, will be suspended from further participation in the GI loan program. Also, any guaranty issued in connection with the transaction will be invalidated.

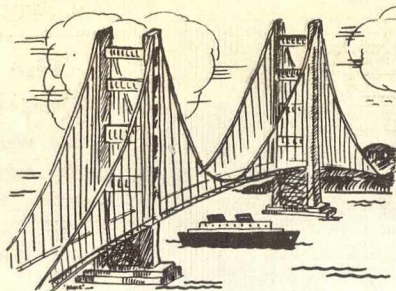
In cases where there is any reason for doubt, VA suggested that lenders obtain a signed statement from the veteran-purchaser that he is making no payment to anyone in excess of the disclosed purchase price.

VA said veterans should remember that the provision of the GI Bill, stipulating that the selling price to the veteran may not exceed the appraised reasonable value, was placed in the law for their own protection against overpriced properties.

A veteran who seeks to circumvent this provision by making a side payment is only working against his own best interest, VA added.

My wife is plain unreasonable. This morning she chased me out of the house with a rolling pin—then tonight, when I got home from work, she bawled me out for not kissing her on the way out.

We hate mornings. They're so early.



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Air Transport is Unified for Future Service Demands

The Military Air Transport Service (MATS) this week took over air transportation for the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The new single service absorbs the Air Transport Command, established by the Army Air Force in May, 1941, and the Naval Air Transport Service, established December 12, 1941. Full services of both former services will continue.

The consolidation was made under the national defense unification law of 1946. MATS is under the Air Force chief of staff.

Major General Laurence S. Kuter, MATS commander, said he expects his administrative staff to be slightly smaller than that of the ATC.

Some air bases will be eliminated under the new setup and there will be a single maintenance system for all transport planes.

MATS will be responsible for air transport planning in any future emergency. It also will direct global weather, communications, air rescue and flight services.

Headquarters now are near the National Airport. They will be moved in August to Andrews Air Base in nearby Maryland.

With the merger, Rear Admiral Matthias B. Gardner became commander of MATS Pacific division, with headquarters in Hawaii, Major General Bob E. Nowland commands the continental division, with headquarters at San Antonio, Tex., and Brigadier General Achie J. Old Jr. commands the Atlantic division, with headquarters at Westover Air Base, Massachusetts.

President Truman congratulated NATS and ATC for their outstanding records. In a letter to General Kuter the President said:

"... Our nation's advancement in air transport is due in great degree to the past efforts of the Army

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FORMER COMMANDING GENERAL
Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, US Army, retired
(right), drops in for a chat with the present commanding
General, Brigadier General Dean F. Winn.

GENERAL HILLMAN HERE FOR VISIT

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, United States Army, retired, and former commanding general of Letterman General Hospital, was a visitor to these familiar halls one day last week.

General Hillman was in command at Letterman from June 1944 until December 1946 when he passed to the retired list on completion of 34 years service. Since retirement he has been the Director of Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida, an institution of 600 beds and an extensive outpatient clinic. In the

Maternity section some 3600 babies came into the world last year.

The general is right at home at Letterman for the reason that prior to his tour of command here he was the Chief of the Medical Service from 1935 to 1939 before going to the office of the Surgeon General for a five year tour.

On this visit to San Francisco the general is accompanied by Mrs. Hillman and are spending most of their time with their young grandchild, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garvin F. Shallenberger (Mary Louise Hillman).

Agreement Reached On Permanent Status Of Army Women

According to news dispatches out of Washington as we went to press an agreement has been reached between the two Houses of Congress on legislation to permit women to become part of the regular army other than in the Army Nurse Corps and the Womens Medical Specialists Corps, and the bill has been sent to the White House for the approval of the President. The hotly debated measure was finally passed by a vote of 206 to 133.

It continues the Womens Army Corps for one year to provide for a change over from the temporary wartime basis to a permanent peace time organization. Those who favored the bill said it will cut down the total number of men who may have to be drafted.

For the Army the bill will make permanent the present Womens Army Corps and limit the number of women in each of the services to two percent of the officer and enlisted strength, which is approximately the numerical strength of the women now in service.

According to the Armed Services Committees, the bill will give the Army 600 women officers and 10,000 enlisted women, while the Navy will get 1,000 officers and 10,000 enlisted women. The quota assigned to the Marine Corps is 100 officers and 2,000 enlisted women, with the Air Force getting 400 officers and 8,000 enlisted women.

Under the present law the women are serving in the Armed Forces on the basis of temporary legislation which will expire on 30 June and the action taken by Congress will have the effect of continuing the women as part of the regular Armed Forces group.

At present the WAC detachment at Letterman consists of 86 enlisted women of whom between 35 and 40 are expected to request separation

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'Twas a Gay Going Away for the Girls Last Week



MARJORIE L. STUMP
1st Lieut. ANC

Civilian life has beckoned to a number of our Dieticians, Physical Therapists, and Nurses, who have bid farewell to their friends, patients, and staff members at Letterman General Hospital.

Unlike the Arabs who folded their tents and slipped quietly away; a party at the Nurses' Recreation Hall amid flowers, music, dancing and refreshments, was tendered to the girls as their last get-together. And a very colorful one judging from the array of dresses with their new look.

Lieut. Col. Elsie E. Schneider, Maj. Anne Pilegard, Capt. Ruby G. Bradley, and Capt. Lily W. Neal, welcomed the guests while several

of the girls took turns serving at the punch bowl and the refreshment table. Among the guests were Brig. Gen. D. F. Winn and Mrs. Winn, Col. Kermit H. Gates and Mrs. Gates, Lt. Col. H. C. Boyd, Capt. Vida Buehler, Lieut. Beatrice Sandhoff and many other officers and friends of the corps.

Toasts, promises, and glimpses into the future activities were bandied over the cocktails by the lassies and some of them are repeated so that we can extend our wishes for success and happiness to one, and all. And as we turn the page and look ahead we find that:

Lieuts. Lois Dahlquist and Mary Mourick are both returning to Seattle, Washington for visits with their families. Then for a life of leisure with no plans until the

School where she will complete her studies for her M. A. in Physical Therapy; while Miss Lasse may enter Duke to major in English or Journalism, a choice yet to be made by her.

Capt. Ruth Campbell, who received her promotion at the same time that she received her discharge, is entering Oakland Regional Hospital, California, where she will continue her work on a civilian status.

Lieut. Marjorie L. Stump was having a time getting herself separated and completing plans for her marriage. Wedding bells will ring out for her and T/Sgt. James H. Straver of Ft. Mason, 27 June 48, at Holy Rosary Church, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

As for Lieuts. Eunice Moratz, Henrietta Henderson, Margaret Bohn, Louise Page, and Naomi Meilicke; they were entertained by Capt. Velma Richardson at her home and are all on their way home for a 'lazy summer away from menus and diet kitchens to sun-bathing, sleeping, and eating anything as long as our fingers are not in the pie." Heaven, to them.



MARY K. MOURIK
1st Lieut. ANC

"mood" moves them, and then a "new" vocation. No, not nursing, something different.

Lieut. Mary Small has been bitten by the traveling germ and so along the northern route to Montana, Edmonton, Canada, back to Montana, and then to St. Paul, Minnesota, where she will enter the University of Minnesota to get her degree in Public Health. As the Lieut. said "just bumming" before getting into the groove and thus brushing aside the cobwebs and letting the "wanderlust" revitalize her for things to come.

Lieuts. Aileen Lasse and Emily Mueller are on their way Eastward, leisurely savoring the delights of "time minus duty." In the fall Miss Mueller will enter Virginia Medical



HAZEL H. ERWIN
1st Lieut. ANC

After a short period of rest and play, Lieut. Denne Kuntz will become part of the staff at the Rehabilitation Center, on Mission Street in San Francisco. This is only a stepping stone to that hospital in Honolulu.

Lieut. Ruth Dotts has decided to travel, rest, see the beauties of the country before she returns to Morristown, Penn., her home.



MARY SMALL
First Lieutenant, ANC

Lieut. Ella R. Craig has an itinerary mapped out which includes Canada, Vancouver, Seattle, Lake Louise, Jasper Park, Port Arthur, and then Detroit. She will "dust" her shoes when she reaches Naugatuck, Conn., there to decide "what next."

Lieut. Col. Schneider, to quote her, said: "The welcome mat is out for any of you who are interested in returning as civilians." And so, to you, who may miss Letterman General and San Francisco, this is an invitation to think about as you loll and reminisce during that well deserved vacation.



LOIS V. DAHLQUIST
First Lieutenant, ANC



M. DENNE KUNTZ
1st Lieut. WSC

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera

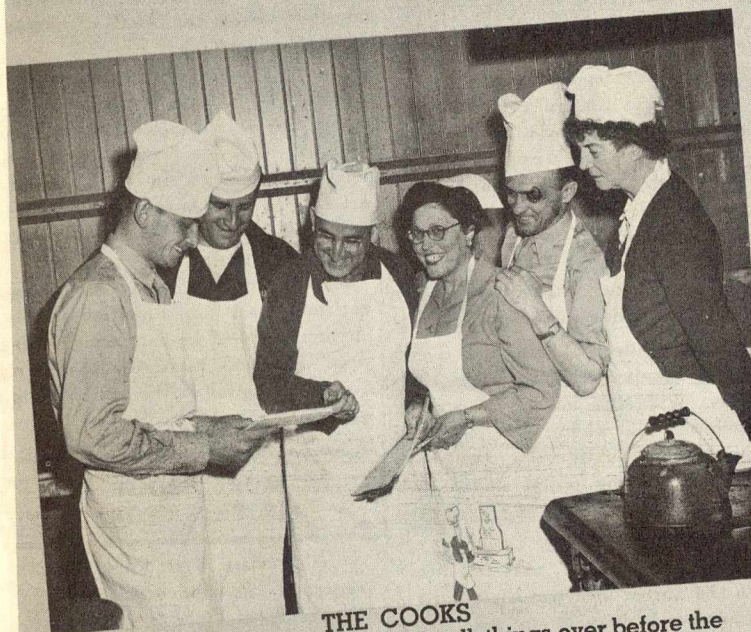


JOE E. BROWN
The perennial favorite at Letterman comes back for a round of visits and meets the commanding general



COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

Issued in honor of the Four Chaplains who went down with the transport "Dorchester." The acting postmaster of San Francisco presents the first sheets to chaplains representing the three major denominations.



THE COOKS
Of the Letterman Barbecue Club talk things over before the fat was in the fire.



NIGHT BARBECUE DINNER

At Sigmund Stern Grove and plenty of food and fun.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Men Without Arms

When the procession heading for the National Cemetery on Memorial Day passed the sanctuary window we looked out to note two detachments of army troops in line—and without sidearms or rifles.

Right behind them was a detachment of Marines; sparkling in their dress blues and every man with a rifle. The insignia of the soldier.

The contrast prompted the thought that the sight of men without arms might be a portent for the day when psychological warfare, or push button, warfare becomes a reality.

We wondered too whether this sight might evidence our desire to keep our weapons concealed until necessity called for their use. No waving swords or flashing rifles to incite people to thoughts of strife.

Gone the massed battalions with gleaming bayonets sprouting up from the ranks of marching men. Only the well dressed detachment of potential military might.

We saw a peace time parade on a peaceful mission to pay tribute to our honored dead.

We hope for a lasting peace when arms might be laid aside forever but until that day there is solace in the sight of the Marines—

With rifles.

WAC

The Letterman WAC Softball team went to Treasure Island Thursday, 27 May and defeated the WAVE team by a score of 7-2. Unhindered by the fact that a Marine was umpiring behind the plate and a blue-coat umpiring the bases, our home team won their ninth victory of the season.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to **Sgt. Doris O'Donnell** and **T/4 Jean Marsland**—both having been admitted to the hospital within the past week. Get well wishes are being sent to **S/Sgt. "Schatzi" Meredith** and **T/4 Martha Foxworthy**, both patients of a longer duration than Doris and Jean.

T/3 Kathryn Brown, a former Lettermanite recently returned from a seven week tour of duty at Recruiting School in Camp Lee, Virginia, is now assigned to Sixth Army Headquarters. Her short but emphatic comment about the course in Recruiting, "It was tough!"

The WAC barracks are assuming a somewhat deserted and lonely air as the WAC Detachment is gradually but steadily decreasing in number. Within the past week the following girls were seen leaving, clutching their discharges and wearing that "new look" on their faces. **T/3 Edith Altenburg**, **T/3 Marjorie Burns**, **T/5 Blanche Tremblay**, **T/4 Joan Norenberg**, **S/Sgt. Betty Hess**, **T/4 Dorothy Dreger**, **S/Sgt. Ollie Deal** and **T/Sgt. Marie Nelson**.

The occupants of barracks 212 enjoyed some economical entertainment (admission free) when **T/4 Carolyn Fix** presented some colored slides of her travels. The fact that footlockers were used to seat the audience, and the drinking fountain appeared in the center of the screen didn't lessen the value of the show—especially since it was the night before pay-day.

T/4 Sue Burnett, **T/4 Ethel Stepp**, **T/3 "Hank" Callari** and **T/3 Edith Altenburg** were the recipients of a hair-cutting spree displayed by **T/3 Jessie Pekarski**, performing the role of hair-stylist.

Now eligible to be placed in the enviable category of car-owners is **S/Sgt. Gladys Knowles** who recently purchased a '38 Plymouth with a '46 engine. More horsepower to you, Gladys!



Lieut. Ruth Wall gave a "two-in-one" shindig at her place. "One" for the silver and "two" as a farewell to her team-mates who left the Physical Therapy section to join the civilian ranks. The "Bohemian" note was the keynote of the evening emphasized by the aroma of "sweet essence of garlic," the flavoring in the refreshments. The "chitter chatter" ranged from the philosophies, isms, and arts to the exchange of recipes by the various "gourmets."

Lieut. **Antonia Fasenmeyer**, who has donned the dress of a civilian nurse, had her patients sit up and take notice when she entered her ward the day after her separation. Too bad they did not see her at the nurses' party where her blonde hair made a pretty background for her aqua dress with gold accessories.

Capt. Velma Richardson attended a meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Oklahoma, and before one could say "Jack Robinson" she was elected secretary of the organization for this area. Her first contribution toward cementing the group will be a social get-together, June 11, at the Nurses' Recreation Hall where Bud Wilkenson, Football Coach, will be the guest speaker, and highlights of last year's games will be shown. All ye football rooters, here's your chance to see how Oklahoma made the grade.

Lieut. **Aileen Lasse** and Lieut. **Emily Mueller** are once again civilians. Will Miss Mueller be singing "where, oh, where, has my lassi gone." The inseparable two have parted but the postal service will help bridge the parting and keep the friendship warm.

The "peck, peck" that one hears in the nurses' quarters these days is **Captains Loretta Bevins** and **Grace Delaney** and **Lieutenants Helen McCloskey** and **Edith Ansley** keeping one step ahead of their typing teacher. Rumor has it they have covered the keyboard because they are haunted by a voice saying, "Don't look at those keys."

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 6 June, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Nurse Procurement Consultant Here

Miss **Dorothy G. Sutherland**, consultant on nurse procurement for the office of the Surgeon General, spent a few days at Letterman this week on a tour of the army areas and general hospitals in connection with enrollment of reserves in the Army Nurse Corps.

Miss Sutherland was for nine years prior to the war the editor of "R.N.—A Journal for Nurses," and was widely known throughout the profession for her success in bettering the working conditions of nurses in civilian hospitals.

During the war she was overseas in the ETO as a correspondent to cover the activities of the nurses and was the sole woman cited for length of service in the combat areas. She was later awarded the medal for Meritorious Service by the War Department.

Miss Sutherland began her present tour of duty in the office of the Surgeon General in January of this year. She will leave for Madigan General Hospital at the end of this week.

MORE ABOUT AIR TRANSPORT

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Transport Command and the Naval Air Transport Service. Those accomplishments should be continued and augmented as those organizations are merged into one. The establishment of the Military Air Transport Service marks a major effort in response to my desires for unification within the armed services."

WAC OF THE WEEK



GERTRUDE L. CHURCHILL
Technician 4th Grade

The Military knows her as Tec. 4 Gertrude L. Churchill, but friends know her as Lois. She was born and raised in Endeavor, Wisconsin, and 'endeavor' seems to be her byword. Before entering the WAC, Lois did considerable nursing in and around Milwaukee. But during the war she worked at the Allis-Chalmers plant which was engaged in atomic energy research. Her job was scheduling work there.

In March of 1945 Lois joined the Army. Basic training was taken at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where she also attended a surgical technician course. The first assignment she received sent her to Walla Walla, Washington, and McCaw General Hospital. While there she worked in the pharmacy. When that hospital closed in December of 1945, she decided to take her discharge and was sent to the Separation Center at Camp Beale, California.

May of 1946 found her re-enlisting. Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado, became her home for the next two years. She worked in the obstetrical clinic. Lois really likes Colorado. She enjoyed the climate, the people, and the sights. An avid horseback rider, she followed many trails that wind through the Rockies, visiting the Royal Gorge, Garden of the Gods, and Evergreen. The latter was her favorite spot for skating.

In February of this year Lois came to Letterman. One reason that brought her to San Francisco was her sister, who at that time was seriously ill. Now all is well with the Churchill family and Lois is extremely proud of her new niece. Currently Lois is working on Ward O-1 and likes the job very much. Whether she remains in the Army or not depends largely on the Con-

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Pvt. Lester Spencer and Cpl. Clarence Peterson, both of Ward F-1 spent a very enjoyable week end at the home of the latter. It seems that Clarence had a birthday, and he threw quite a party to celebrate.

During Red Cross Week (June 20 through June 26) the San Francisco Museum of Arts has invited the Red Cross Arts and Skills Branch to hold an Art Show at the Museum. The following are some of the patients at Letterman Hospital who are contributing their handiwork to the show: Col. Allen F. Sullivan of Ward 26, a lucite and wood lamp; Lt. Collin M. Burge of Ward D-2, weaving; T/5 Louis Moseley of Ward 42, a lucite lamp; Noah Rutherford of Ward 29, pyrocord bracelets; Capt. Arnold G. Eger of Ward D-2, a plastic belt; Pfc. Benito Ornelas of Ward 31, wool animals; Maj. William H. Sparrow of Ward D-2, a plastic belt; Lt. James P. Blackwood of Ward D-1, a plastic belt; Lt. Ernest C. Swan of Ward D-1, felt animals; T/Sgt. Robert B. Brooks of Ward E-2, wool animals. Many more such items are needed by the Red Cross to make up the show. Anyone who has made items such as the above at the Occupational Therapy Shop is invited to submit them for the display.

M/Sgt. Richard Bell of Ward 27 is back at the hospital and is "working like mad" to complete a number of articles for use in the above mentioned Art Show. Richard also exhibited several "eye-catching" items at the open air display which was held last week end in Union Square in San Francisco.

All of Ward E-2 is wondering why that beer stein is sitting by the bed of S/Sgt. Robert Grelley. He says that he made it, and that he is only keeping it there until he can send it home. His ward mates however, have different ideas.

gress. But, if possible, Lois will stay with the Army. She would enjoy a tour of duty in Hawaii and even is considering an Alaskan nursing position.

She is an enthusiastic golfer. She has not had a chance to shoot the courses on the Presidio yet, but hopes to be able to do so soon.

The cribbage tournament which has been in progress for the past few weeks on Ward E-2 was ended last Friday when S/Sgt. John Stevens defeated T/Sgt. Loren Parmelee in five out of the nine final games and pocketed the cash prize (contributed by the contestants as an entry fee). Sgt. Parmelee received as second prize "a number of dimes" which comprised the penalty fee-assessed for each cribbage "skunk" made throughout the tournament. Pvt. Manuel Avila, Maurice Burns and S/Sgt. Robert Imazumi received kudos for being the closest contenders going into the final rounds.

All patients are cordially invited to attend an exhibition of ceramics and weaving presented by the Adult Education students at the Nixon Craft Studios. Mr. Nixon was formerly an instructor in ceramics in Occupational Therapy. There will be demonstrations of the crafts throughout the show. Saturday, June 5, 1900 to 2200; Sunday, June 6, 1300 to 2100 at 551 Davis Street, corner of Pacific Street.

Pvt. Orville Hemberger of Ward D-1 is having the time of his life, now that he is out of bed and in a wheel chair. It seems that he "scoots" from one end of the hospital to the other at a terrific speed. His ward mates are all wondering if he ever had anything to do with midget auto racing.

Cpl. Thomas Adamson of Ward F-1 spent the week end in Reno, Nevada. He says that he is very glad that the long week end preceeded payday. If it hadn't, he would have spent all of his paycheck. He says that from now on San Francisco is wild enough for him.

Last week the "All Time All Time" favorite of Letterman General Hospital, Joe E. Brown, together with a group of other Hollywood celebrities spent two hours at the hospital and put on a show in wards S-1, N-2 and E-2. The show included, in addition to Joe E. Brown, two young girls who sang several songs, and an impersonator who gave a very good facsimile of Jimmy Durante as well as other impersonations of famous Hollywood personalities.

ON THE SPOT



JOHN J. HYER
Master Sergeant

Master Sergeant John J. Hyer of the East Hospital Mess, has been in the Army for almost 13 years and plans to be in for several more.

John first entered the service at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, on the 20th of August 1935. He took his basic training at Fort Reno in the Quartermaster Remount Service. After serving in various jobs John was transferred as Mess Sergeant in April 1941 to the newly activated 252nd Q.M. Remount Squadron. He stayed at Fort Reno until the Squadron was ordered to New York for overseas processing.

The "252nd" and John landed at Karachi, India, in May 1944 after a 45 day trip. They were immediately sent to Ramgarh, India, where they processed horses and mules for the troops on the Burma Road and also for the Chinese Army. In July 1944 John was transferred to Shillong, India.

After V-J Day, John being a high point man was eligible to come home. In June 1945 he went to Calcutta, where he was flown home via Cairo, Tripoli, Dakar, and Natal, Brazil, finally reaching "home, sweet home" at Miami, Florida.

After three months of civilian life, John re-enlisted and reported to Camp Lee, Virginia for re-assignment.

Upon completing tours of duty at Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas, and the 2128th Station Hospital, Fort Knox, Kentucky, he came to Letterman in March of this year.

John is married and has two sons, ages 9 and 10 years. He is a 30-year man.

Diner out with a blonde: "I want some tomato juice for a pickup." Waitress: "Yes sir, and what do you want for yourself?"

CIVIL CIRCLES

"Pop" Quan, a long time employee in the Post Exchange Grill, suffered a serious stroke last Wednesday and was rushed to the Chinese Hospital.

Helen Diez, Record Room, visited Palm Springs, Los Angeles and Lake Arrowhead during her recent visit to San Bernardino. She returned to duty last week with the "New Look" hair-do—very short and attractive.

Mary McFadden, Public Information Office, last week attended the outdoor art show which was held in Union Square.

Audrey Mathis and Jo East of the Post Exchange spent a recent week end at Clear Lake angling for fish and though the catch was small in number, they are still enthusiastic about the sport.

Rosalind Wong, Detachment of Patients, spent a week's vacation with her family in San Diego while Jean Schwab of the Post Exchange traveled to Nebraska to visit for three weeks.

Chris Gannon, Machine Shop, will spend a week in Trinity County fishing and hunting. His wife and child are going along as company.

We extend welcome to the following new employees at Letterman: Ruth Synder, Occupational Therapy; Beverly Bryan, Convalescent Services; Colman Ayle, Medical Supply; John Caver, X-ray; Marilyn Boyce, Occupational Therapy; Frank Johnston, Receiving Office, Lillian Luck, Medical Service; Margaret Tang, Laboratory and Iva Carnes, Separation Center.

Resignations: Elizabeth Johnson, Laboratory, Helen Naish, Finance, Marjorie Freytag, Neuropsychiatric Section, Rosalind Schaffer, Physical Medicine, and Mary Ellen Bielfeldt, Laboratory, who is going on a three months vacation to Denmark.

Ah, the trials and tribulations of the open road. Traveling by car is fine, but it does have its complications. Esther Grobler, Civilian Personnel, and Margret Trumpour of Finance, know that now.

Two matrons were discussing a mutual friend.

"Dorothy looks furious," said one. "What's bothering her?"

"Oh, she just weighed herself on one of those scales with a speaking attachment."

"What happened?"

"Well, when she stepped on the scales, the voice said: 'One at a time, please.'"

NATIVE DAUGHTER OF ANCIENT LINEAGE, LINGUIST, STANFORD GRAD



**Miss Frances Lilienthal
Instructor in Languages**

"Lilienthal High" Rah, Rah, is the greeting that rings out on the wards as Frances Lilienthal makes her daily rounds teaching French, Spanish, English, History and Civics, plus answering the "hundred and one" questions that her students think up to stump her. As one of the "stand-bys" of the Troop Information and Education Staff, having been at Letterman since 1946, she has been instrumental in helping many of the patients receive their high school certificates and others in becoming linguists. This has been evidenced by the many fan letters she receives from ex-patients in French and Spanish. Her students think she has a wonderful sense of humor which contributes to her success as a teacher.

Frances Lilienthal is a native San Franciscan. Her home is one of the oldest, having been built in 1887. It remained untouched by the famous fire since it was on the "right" side of Van Ness Avenue. The family is among the oldest inhabitants of this city. Her great-grandfather was a 49'er but did not mine. He had the first General store which later became the Alaskan Commercial Company, the first company to service Alaska. He also ran the first

steam boats on the Yukon. They were named after members of the family.

Her adventurous spirit she inherited from the paternal side, witnessed by her trips to Europe, Mexico, Western Canada, and now, in the not too distant future, South America, to curb her restlessness and give vent to her innate love for travel. Her itinerary starting from New Orleans, includes Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Peru, Bolivia and any other countries that may catch her fancy. Of course, one can well imagine that her love for Polkas and Folk dancing will vanish behind a cloud, and rhumbas and tangos will be her numbers. The Latin influence at work, can't be otherwise, considering her coloring and lingual ability.

Frances enjoys music and books. She is a graduate of Stanford University and an ardent alumna. As a student she participated in several musical productions, was a member of the choral group, and tutored in French and Music. However, her ambition is to get married, raise a family, enjoy her home and contribute to the welfare of the community by participating in voluntary activities of social import.



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Howard J. Bess, a girl, **Juanita Muriel**, born 16 May.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James T. Gyger, a boy, **Stephen Lee**, born 17 May.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James L. Lovegrove, a girl, **Pricilla Ann**, born 17 May.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Bertram H. Witham, Jr., a girl, **Brenda Jean**, born 17 May.

To Lt. and Mrs. Andrew B. Smerenis, a girl, **Sheila Kimberly**, born 18 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Toussaint P. Labbe, a girl, **Cheryl Ann**, born 18 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. David Waterman, a boy, **Dennis Lee**, born 18 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Willard A. Smith, a girl, **Carol Alston**, born 19 May.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Jesse J. McDaniels, a boy, **James Robert**, born 19 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Wayne B. Baker, a boy, **Alan Wayne**, born 20 May.

To Lt. and Mrs. Herschel Reynolds, a girl, **Susan Jane**, born 20 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Calvin L. Jones, a boy, **Stephen**, born 20 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur A. Noble, a boy, **Kenneth Hugh**, born 21 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Donald C. Goewey Sr., a boy, **Donald Charles**, born 21 May.

To Major and Mrs. Lloyd C. Hall, a girl, **Janet Eileen**, born 21 May.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Robert W. Danielson, a girl, **Peggy Ann**, born 21 May.

To Cpl. and Mrs. William B. Petrie, a boy, **Michale Robert**, born 22 May.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Bob Lee White, a boy, **Robert Eugene**, born 23 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph Q. Mayhorn, a girl, **Andrea Nila**, born 23 May.

To W/O and Mrs. Harry Richard Hastings, a boy, **Richard Lester**, born 23 May.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Margarito R. Nunez, a boy, **John Michale**, 24 May.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Wilbert Fernandez, a boy **Bruce John**, born 21 May.

MEDICAL DETACH

S/Sgt. David L. Blackburn of Physical Reconditioning Branch and coach of the Letterman Girls' softball team again requests some publicity on his (and the Girls') record. They are the leading Feminine team in the area with nine wins and two losses.

M/Sgt. Richard Thompson, formerly of the X-Ray Clinic and the Sergeant Major's office, is now on duty at the University of Washington R.O.T.C.

S/Sgt. Israel Kulak of the Hospital Laundry is a man who believes in publicizing his Job. When the Fog Horn recently ran a feature story on the Laundry, Israel offered to act as delivery boy for the paper.

S/Sgt. William "Willie" Reinert of the Chief of Medical Service Branch has more nicknames than Carter has pills, thanks to his buddies, Sergeant John Lamanski of Special Services and 1st Sergeant Robert Walsh of the X-Ray Clinic.

T/5 Joseph Beard of Physical Reconditioning Branch is being discharged on the 14th of June. Joe says that he doesn't want to get too far away from Letterman so he is planning to take a Civil Service job here.

S/Sgt. Gordon Harrow of Custodial Services says that he has walked around the Letterman Ramps so much that he could do it blindfolded.

1st Sergeant Peter P. Lee of the Receiving Office and 1st Sergeant Charles Cooper of the Baggage Room are running neck and neck in their perennial golfing duel. This column knows this is true because each of them claims to be the champion.

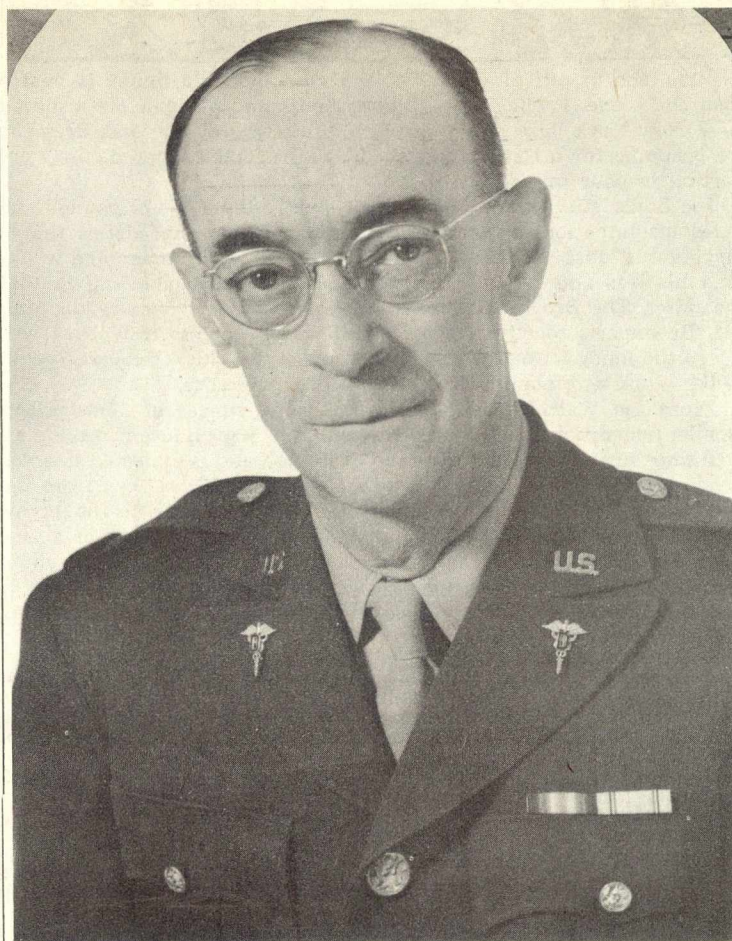
MORE ABOUT WAC AGREEMENT

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prior to the end of the month. It is assumed the remaining members of the corps will continue to serve either under continued temporary status or on a permanent basis as decreed by the Congress.

There are 11 WAC officers now on the Letterman staff and of these three are requesting separation by the end of the present month. All

COL. SMITH, LETTERMAN "OLDTIMER" LEAVES TODAY FOR NEW POST IN OAHU



Colonel BOYD L. SMITH, D.C.
Who is sailing today for his new station in Honolulu

When the United States Army Transport "General W. G. Haan" sails from Fort Mason this afternoon for Honolulu it will have on board one of the Letterman "oldtimers", headed for station in the Paradise of the Pacific. Colonel Boyd L. Smith, Chief of the Dental Service here since January 1945, goes away to take up duty as the Chief of the Dental Service on the staff of the Surgeon, U. S. Army-Pacific.

Colonel Smith is a native of Albany, Missouri, and a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. He is an old army man—has been in the service since 1917—and that puts him well over the 30 year mark when most men are ready to retire. Colonel Smith has had prior overseas service in Porto Rico and

the others are interested in making a career of the army under the new bill.

the Philippines and came to Letterman from Camp Carson.

During his tour at Letterman Colonel Smith has supervised the institution of the interne training system for the Dental Corps and during the past year he has had five young dentists acquiring additional professional skill and ability under his helpful guidance.

Colonel Smith established and maintained the most cordial relations with the men of his profession in the local colleges and those engaged in practice in the community. Several joint clinics were arranged by him to bring out the local dentists for a close up of how the work is done at Letterman. He has had the co-operation of outstanding members of the dental profession as consultants and they in turn have been generous with their time in the treatment of the army personnel hospitalized here.

In May 1946 Colonel Smith re-

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

M/Sgt. George T. Washburn Jr. is the recipient of a well deserved three day pass. Guess it is now up to Tech. Sgt. Cook, and Sergeants Jordan, Chah, and Crowson to carry on in the interval. Sgt. Washburn should be able to furnish some inside information on the races and the 'hay burners' therein.

The number of men from HTU assigned to duties at Letterman has been greatly increased. This should help Letterman Detachment fill vacancies due to large number of separations, and it will also serve to provide training in Hospital duties for our personnel.

Pfc. Ernest E. Beaudry from the state of Rhode Island has been detailed to the First Sergeant's Office HTU. Of course Beaudry being a loyal easterner really prefers stations like Ft. Dix, but he says HTU and California are good places at that.

Captain Robert P. Allen and the entire Hospital Train Unit were the subject of a Unit photograph Tuesday. When the Post photographer said "Smile" the flash of the morning sunlight on the gleaming ivories are positively blinding. Needless to say the result of said pictures are anxiously awaited by all concerned.

The Red and Blue Evacuation Teams have been considerably changed around, and new faces and new stripes will appear thereon. Oh Well! It is nice to get up in the morning before the sun is shining bright. How about that?

Sunday a Camp Kilmer Hospital Train Section car arrived, bringing patients for Letterman General Hospital, and one Medical Officer, one Nurse, and seven enlisted men as attendants.

The Bay Area Post Exchange Office did a rushing business cashing the checks of many HTU personnel on pay day. As it was a State election day, all banks were closed, and had it not been for 'Ye Olde PX' cash would have been a scarce article around the Train Unit.

Teacher—"Johnny, what is a hypocrite?"

Johnny—"A boy wot comes t' school wid a smile on his face."

ceived the Army Commendation Ribbon for his outstanding services as the Chief of the Dental Section at Letterman.

Troop Information And Education

The twentieth century has seen more world wars and revolutions than any other period in history. Since we are living in a time of unanimous historical value, it is necessary for us to trace our own American heritage through many eras, to fully evaluate our presence and significance today. If history repeats itself, by a study of past events and happenings we can arrive at a better understanding of America, her pattern, and her relationship with the world.

The United States Armed Forces Institute is able, through correspondence courses and self study courses, to present a high recommended review of world history. Course number EM-219, in two volumes, is a study of civilization from a world point of view. It covers such topics as: Man Before History; Daybreak in the East; Greece Carries the Torch; Rome as Protector and Missionary of Civilization; The Expansion of the West; Revolutions Herald a New Age; Nationalism and Democracy; Imperialism Joins East and West; The First World War; and Your Own Day.

And thus the entire background of today is made available to the reader. But now, let us fit America into place in assembling this historical jig-saw puzzle. Educational Manuals 200-203 give detailed accounts of American Democracy. These are some of the topics covered: America's Beginnings; A New Experiment in Democracy; The Federal Constitution; Revolt against Conservative Rule; The Agricultural Frontier; Our Industrial Revolution; Growth of Big Business; Consolidation of Labor; Government Regulation of Big Business; Imperialism and Emergence from Isolation; America in World Affairs; Responsibilities of World Leadership.

The student, once fortified with information of America, can begin to analyze other nations and realize the difficulties in obtaining a 'cure-all' for world affairs. There are for example histories of China, the entire Far East, Latin America, and the Cultural and Political History of Modern Europe.

For further information concerning these or other United States Armed Forces Institute courses, contact the Troop Information and Education Office, Bldg. 1039, ext. 4403.



June, the month of weddings and championship fights, is nearly upon the scene. From Jersey, where Louis and Walcott are training for a New York fight and from New York where Zale and Graziano are prepping for a New Jersey set-to, the reports and predictions are starting to pour in.

Joe Louis, still wearing his heavy jowls, admits to 222 pounds and states his intentions to weigh about 215 ringside. Joe claims that a "drying-out" just previous to his last meeting with Jersey Joe weakened his legs and was the major cause of his bad showing in that encounter. The Brown Bomber predicts an early KO victory for himself. He expects to win in five rounds and even less if Walcott will forego the fancy footwork and fight Louis style. This, of course, would be the quick way out for Walcott; out of the picture.

From the Walcott camp comes the same stories of Jersey Joe's excellent condition. The almost-champion has kept himself in the pink ever since his near-victory over the champion and is expected to enter the ring at his peak. Walcott is smarting under accusations from the Louis camp implying he is not "game." He feels that he fought his fight the smart way and that being "smart" is no evidence of a lack of gameness. The fact remains that a man has to be game to climb in the same ring with a puncher such as Louis.

Lou Stillman, proprietor of the famous New York Stillman Gym, has a headache as large as any which may develop in the June 9th Zale-Graziano bout. He is faced with the problem of both Rocky and Tony training in his smoke-filled punch emporium. Graziano has been training there for some time while Zale, moving in from Chicago, is also scheduled to round out his conditioning in the Eighth Avenue establishment. Graziano defies protocol by refusing to move out in favor of the visiting challenger.

True to traditional fight camp predictions, both Zale and Graziano backers are claiming victory in the nearing bout. Neither camp has ventured a guess as to how long it will take to dispose of the opposition, but both are brimming with confidence.

For a Change—Mister America



After winning various awards in a preliminary, three of the thirteen competitors for the Mr. America title stand by their trophies. George Eiferman (left), Santa Monica, Calif., won the best Arms and Chest Division. John Delinger (center), Oakland, Calif., had the best Legs and Back; and Elias Rodriguez (right), San Francisco, was named most muscular. The next evening Eiferman went on to win the Mr. America title. He stands five feet, eight inches tall, weighs 195, and is 22 years old.

Answering The Veterans' Queries

Seriously disabled World War II veterans, eligible for automobiles at government expense, have until June 30 to submit their applications, local Veterans Administration officials warned today.

In the VA Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii), more than 1,450 veteran leg amputees have received automobiles.

VA advises eligible veterans to apply for their cars at least 15 days before the deadline to allow ample time to process their applications.

The law provides an automobile or other conveyance, at a cost not to exceed \$1,600, for any World War II veteran who lost, or lost the use of, one or both legs at or above the ankle as the result of service incurred injuries.

Veterans Administration officials today reminded World War II veterans who have allowed their National Service Life term insurance to lapse that they have only until July 31 to reinstate it without physical examination.

In order to reinstate lapsed term insurance the veteran need only certify that his health is as good as when the policy lapsed and pay two monthly premiums.

More than 130,000 veterans in California, Arizona and Nevada have reinstated lapsed G-I insurance in the past 15 months.

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QUESTION: I am a World War I veteran and would like to know if I can get a guaranteed loan under the provisions of the G-I Bill?

ANSWER: No. Benefits of the G. I. Bill (Public Law 346) are for World War II veterans only.

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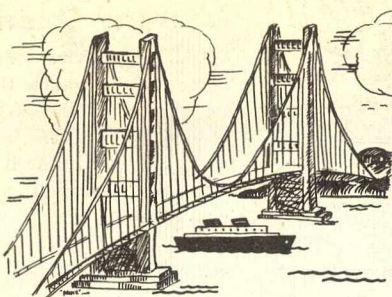
QUESTION: What is the largest amount I can borrow under the provisions of the G-I Bill and still have the loan guaranteed?

ANSWER: There is no limit to the amount which can be borrowed under the G-I Bill. The limitation by law is on the amount of the government guaranty and not on the amount of the loan.

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QUESTION: After I have repaid the amount I borrowed under the G-I Bill, is my loan guaranty privilege restored to its original amount?

ANSWER: No. You may use the full amount of your loan rights only once.



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Expert Makes Plans For Defense of U. S. Against Atom Bombs

(AFPS)—Experts are at work here planning the defense of the United States—just in case an enemy should unleash an atomic attack.

Responsible for curbing this fiery holocaust—should it come—is Russell J. Hopley, Director of the Office of Civilian Defense Planning.

He announced recently that he had rounded up a staff of experts and hopes to have a civil defense plan ready by August.

With the civil defense plan ready, legislation will be drafted for Congress. If the legislators think the plan is a good one, Mr. Hopley will then start setting up a permanent civil defense organization.

Mr. Beers, who has studied atom-bomb effects at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, estimates that atom bombs dropped simultaneously on 37 American cities would kill about 550,000 people.

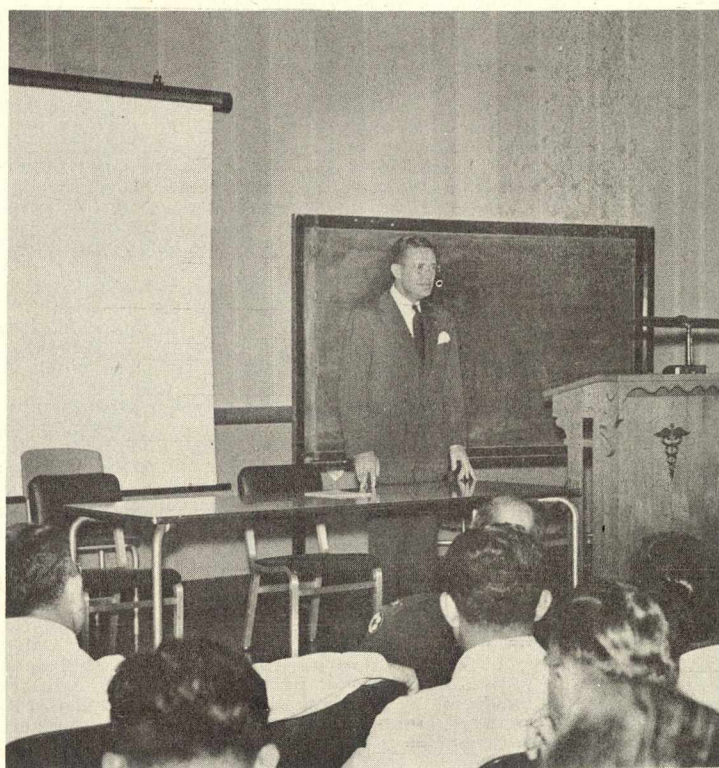
But that's not the end of it. There would be approximately 30 million uninjured survivors in the 37 cities who would have been exposed to the dangers of radioactivity and who would have to be cared for and treated.

Assuming that an air attack would be carried out without warning, Mr. Beers warned that a warning system must not be overlooked.

Meanwhile, we must concentrate on pre-raid preparations and post-raid operations, he said, and organize the people in such a way that the effects of enemy action will be minimized. This involves self-help, mutual help and mobile reserves.

Another danger to think about—one not overlooked by the defense chiefs—is the possibility of an ene-

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Dr. HENRY K. BEECHER
Addressing medical staff during his visit here

Distinguished Medical Visitor Here

Dr. Henry K. Beecher, Dorr Professor of Research in Anesthesia, and Anesthetist-in-chief, Department of Surgery, Harvard Medical School, and of Massachusetts General Hospital, was a visitor to Letterman last week in connection with a survey of the facilities and services of the Department of Anesthesia at Letterman. Dr. Beecher is also consultant on anesthesia to the Surgeon General of the Army and it was in the latter capacity that he came to our hospital.

While here Dr. Beecher addressed the medical officers of the com-

mand on "Traumatic Shock" and gave a resume of his experiences while serving overseas with our armed forces during the late war. Brigadier General Leonard D. Heatton, Director of Professional Services at Letterman, introduced the speaker and presided at the meeting.

Prior to coming to Letterman Dr. Beecher had spent a week at Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver, Colorado, on a tour of the Army teaching hospitals in connection with his tour of the Army general hospital where the teaching program is in effect.

Alterations Now in Progress Will Give More Space to PX

The clamor of the hammer and the buzzing of the saw at the west end of the south ramp these days will ultimately bring us something in the way of improved facilities for the main Letterman branch of the Bay Area Exchange.

As the initial step in the alterations the carpenters boldly lifted the windows from the United States Post Office and moved them down the corridor to the new location of that activity. Normally, lifting anything from Uncle Sam's Post Office brings out the postal inspectors "on the double" but this happened to be legitimate. The U. S. Post Office will leap frog over the Military Post Office from the east side to the west side while the M. P. O. stands pat.

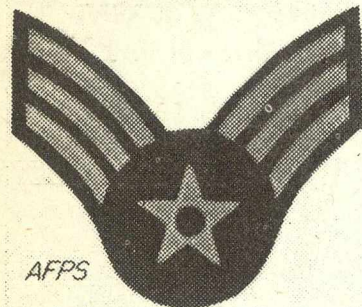
The old USPO will become the location of the new barber shop and extend back into the present store room of the PX. The space occupied by the barber shop now will be turned into additional space for the PX Grill where a cafeteria system will be introduced and a small fountain added.

The office of the branch manager will be moved from the south end of the main PX to the north end and just inside the door leading from the ramp. The old office will become the new storeroom. The present fountain will be removed and replaced by counters and show cases giving additional room for merchandise display and greater facility in sales transactions. There will also be a general re-arrangement of the interior of the main post exchange.

The proposed alterations were approved some time ago by the Commanding General.

New AF Chevrons

CHEVRONS



Mat No. 301-2452

Air Force

These are the Air Force's new type chevrons which will gradually replace old style stripes as present stocks are exhausted. The new chevrons are four inches wide, with silver-gray stripes on a dark background. Also to be issued are collar, cap, and lapel insignia for enlisted men and metal buttons for all personnel. Cap insignia for both enlisted men and officers will be the design now used, but for enlisted men the shield will be closed in a circle. Size and design of lapel propeller insignia will remain unchanged except that they too will be closed in a circle for enlisted men's wear.

They Couldn't Spell— Two Straight Errors

Tokyo (AFPS)—Army Occupation Headquarters announces that future counterfeiters can follow the advice of some just-detected money makers, and at least spell the words on the bills right. Subject culprits were so busy flooding the market with bogus \$10 military certificates, that they misspelled "military" in two different ways.

The would-be-engravers made detection easy by letting "military" and "military" slip through into circulation. They were caught before they ever got it right.

'Economic Systems' Clarified In New Armed Forces Talk

(AFPS)—National and international systems of economy constitute a subject prominent in discussion and writing, but rather hazy in the minds of most persons.

In Armed Forces Talk No. 227, is to be found a top-flight explanation of this topic. The Talk considers such terms as Communism, Fascism, Socialism, and Free Enterprise. It goes on to explain how and why our own country came to adopt Free Enterprise; detailing the various aspects of the system, its merits and alleged shortcomings.

By way of background, the Talk notes that a country's economic system is more than just the manner in which its business concerns are organized and conducted. It includes everything that affects the way in which the people of the country live. It grows out of the people's way of looking at things. It is a part of the country's social system and reflects its principles of government. Thus an economic system that permits freedom of business enterprise can exist only in a society and under a government permitting all other individual freedoms.

The Talk points up the fact that the four systems of national economy previously mentioned are free to a degree directly proportionate to the freedom of the countries which use those systems.

Free Enterprise is rooted in the freedom of the individual. His welfare is held to be of chief concern. An individual may own his own property, his private business and most of the facilities required to do business. He does business in competition with other individuals. Under normal conditions, prices and wages are established through competition rather than by government, and government imposes on business, in addition to taxes, only those restrictions that protect the public and are approved by the majority of the country's citizens through their elected representatives.

Under Socialism, an individual citizen may own private property and engage in some businesses, but the chief means of large-scale production—the railroads, telegraph, mines, and some mills and factories—are owned and operated by the government. A worker in any one of the socialized basic industries, which cover so much of modern life, becomes a government employee.

In Fascist countries, life is strictly controlled by a central government. Individuals may own property, but its use is regulated by the State. Individuals may conduct businesses, but only under strict governmental direction and control for the government's own ends.

Communism too, allows for a minimum of individual freedom in business—there is little personal freedom of any kind. Most property and most of the means of production are owned in common, that is, by the State. Theoretically, but only theoretically, all "profits" are shared by the workers.

Our country's economic system, that of Free Enterprise, reflects fully our ideals of personal freedom and individual rights. It was born in the rugged individualism of frontier life and bred on the rebellion against colonial rule impositions in the days of the Colonies.

Under the system of Free Enterprise, businesses are carried on either by a single individual, or by a partnership of two or more persons associated jointly, or by a corporation in which hundreds or thousands of individuals pool their resources, through the purchase of stocks, in order to obtain the capital necessary for a large operation.

This system entails the gain of profits or the suffering of losses by the persons involved. Businesses begin in the hope that they will successfully return sufficient profit for the individual to maintain himself.

Since there is no governmental control over who should engage in what business, the principle of competition governs success. The individual or company who can do the best work at the least cost will obviously be the most successful, receive the most patronage, and thereby attain the greatest profit.

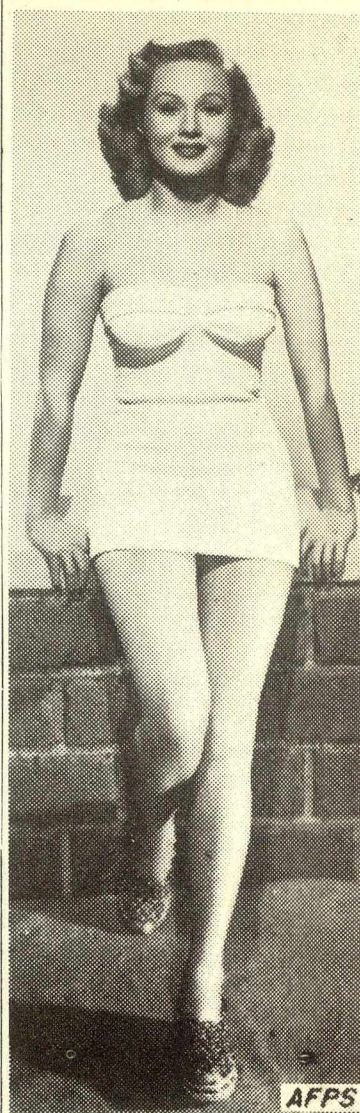
Only in businesses serving the public interest is there occasion where competition does more harm than good. Two telephone companies in a city would lead to the greatest confusion, necessitating more than one telephone in each home for complete coverage.

The only restrictions placed on businesses are those for the protection of the general public, such as regulation of the maximum interest which can be charged on a loan, the setting of a minimum wage for workers, the imposing of standards on food and drug products, etc.

Through the system of Free Enterprise our country has attained the highest living standard in the world. Our people want our kind of government and our kind of economy. It is not imposed upon them.

In the words of the Armed Forces Talk—Americans "believe that the public welfare requires a certain amount of governmental regulation of business and business practices. The nature and extent of this regulation are prescribed by the people's elected representatives. Most Americans believe that such regulation by Government is preferable to Government control."

Will Fill—and How!



Mat No. 301-2460

Press Assoc.

Filling the bathing suit as "The Girl From Jones Beach" is Virginia Mayo, lovely damsel who gained fame playing opposite Danny Kaye. The role was offered to Ginny when Lauren Bacall declined it, saying it would be "embarrassing." Not that we have a thing in the world against Lauren, but when it comes to filling bathing suits even she couldn't do much better.

EYES OF RADAR

Great Malvern, England (AFPS)

One of the more startling developments in the seemingly-omnipotent field of radar is an electronic set, designed to let the blind see.

Britain's telecommunications center announced that preliminary work discloses the hand-carried set to be so exacting, that a totally blind person could utilize it to safely cross a busy traffic intersection.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF NURSE
Lt. Col. Elsie E. Schneider (left) talks over the recruiting program for reserve nurses with Miss Dorothy G. Sutherland, consultant from the Surgeon General's Office



THE MEN'S SOFT BALL TEAM



A MODEL WAC
Makes model ships does St. Sgt. Carolyn Fix



THE VOICE OF LGH
Johnny Miller, station manager, at our local unit has been with us ever since the system was installed.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

INSURANCE

The recent activity to arouse interest in National Life Insurance for the personnel of the armed services is very timely and the benefits from that form of insurance cannot be over-estimated.

Just about two years ago a member of this command, who held National Life Insurance passed away. The government promptly paid the claim under his policy. He also held insurance in one of the largest insurance companies in the country and his widow is still waiting.

The "Big" company resisted payment on a technical interpretation of medical terminology. The widow brought suit to recover and the battery of legal talent on permanent retainer by the "Big" company went into action. Then the "Big" company offered to settle for one-tenth of the amount of the policy. The widow refused and the case progressed toward trial. Then the "Big" company increased the offer of settlement. The widow again declined to accept. The offer was increased to approximately half of the sum named in the policy, and that was accompanied by a threat on the part of the "Big" company to appeal the case all the way to the Supreme Court.

The widow has two small children. She could not afford the cost of an appeal and the



Capt. Vida Buehler is bemoaning the fate of the Physical Therapy's Bowling Team. Like the "Ten Little Indians" so many have gone, but in "their weakness lies their strength" and like good troopers "the play goes on."

Lieut. Margaret Williams has just returned from a lovely motor trip through Tennessee and Alabama. She says it was a wonderful trip, "never too hot, or too cold," thus making her leave a pleasant and memorable one.

Lieut. Mary O'Hallaran is on her way to New York. How, is a matter of conjecture, but her return will be via the skyline, so that her trip should prove both interesting and exciting.

Dante Annex was the setting for a separation party for the Dieticians and Physio-Therapists who left these parts last week. The rugs were rolled back, everyone's hair was let down, and a good time was the note of the evening.

Lieut. Dorothy Glidden has made her adieu to her friends and patients. She is on her way to Guam to enjoy new scenes and faces. Bon voyage and a successful tour to you.

The pleasant personality of Lieut. Leah Crawford will certainly be missed by all. She has been transferred to Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, a stone's throw from her home. She first plans to make a trip to Hawaii, the land of "Romance" and "the Hibiscus." Perhaps, is all we can say, and at that it's just a guess.

long delays of the law. She accepted the settlement.

National Life Insurance retains no legal battery to resist payment of claims. It is your government guaranteeing the welfare of those you leave behind.

National Life Insurance is your best investment in the future of your loved ones.

National Life Insurance does not "bargain" when claims are presented.

Take it out.

WAC

El Polin Springs on the Presidio was the location for the steak-fry held Friday, 4 June. Ten enlisted WACs, Captain Minnie Young and Captain Charlotte Woodworth were the participants, and fifteen tender steaks were the victims of their appetites. Charcoal broiled potatoes, onions and garlic-bread were also included in the menu.

Unlike the multitude of fishermen in being satisfied with catching one fish at a time, T/3 Frances Jenkins claims to have caught three fish at once—on the same line. Rumor has it that she is now rigging up a fishing line with six hooks to enable her to get her catch in one haul.

The Letterman WAC Softball team, as yet indulging in a streak of victories, defeated the Camp Stoneman team Thursday, 3 June on the Letterman field. The score was 10-1, bringing the total number of wins to ten, with two losses.

Three more WACs are bidding farewell to Army life this week. Good luck and best wishes for happiness in civilian life are extended to Sgt. Marilouise Damm, S/Sgt. Bessie Bledsoe and T/4 Wanda Collins.

M/Sgt. Opal Glenn served a Southern-friend chicken dinner to the cadre members at her home last week. Judging from all comments from those present, the chicken dinner was a special treat.

S/Sgt. Silvia Winer, T/4 Carolyn Wirt, Sgt. Betty Stahl, and T/3 May Macgrath were the proud possessors of three-day passes last week.

T/3 Lee Witkowski received three dozen roses in honor of her birthday last week. Congratulations and best wishes, Lee, for many more happy birthdays and as many roses for each of them.

T/4 Dorothy Koogan was more than a little surprised when she discovered that hash-marks—about a dozen of 'em—had been sewed on the sleeve of her blouse by one of her fun-loving barracks-mates. "Jackie" has been unofficially declared as the "Thirty-Year Woman" of 214.

Home permanents seem to be the order of the day in the WAC barracks these days, and not wishing to be exceptions, T/4 Leatris Lamacus and T/4 Emma Ghormley were

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 13 June, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

24 Hour Service

The Field Director of the American Red Cross at Letterman, Miss Grace Guilford, announces a resumption of 24 hour coverage for the services of the Red Cross.

The Red Cross staff is now on duty normally at the Red Cross office, Bldg. 1035, Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1730 and on Saturdays from 0800 to 1500.

After these hours and on Sundays all calls of an emergency nature should be referred to the Receiving Office, Extension 4181, where the telephone number of the Red Cross Emergency worker is available.

MORE ABOUT ATOM BOMB DEFENSE

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my detonating an atom bomb in a body of water adjacent to a large city.

This creates another ominous situation to be dealt with. Standard land operations would not work in this instance, since each has to be handled in a different manner, Mr. Beers said.

Land operations would entail defense against flash burns, debris, wreckage, etc., while a water explosion would hurl tons of contaminated radio-active water into the air to fall on the helpless city.

Pointing out that the stage of civil defense action has not yet been reached, Mr. Beers said everything so far is merely an "educated guess."

Now all that we need do is find out the "educated answer."

given "Tonies" by T/4 "Becky" Monroy.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY C. DAVIS
Technician Fifth Grade

Danville, Illinois, first, last, and always says T/5 Mary Davis. A more loyal Illinoisian there never was. She was born, raised, and worked as a bookkeeper there before enlisting in the Army.

Mary joined the WAAC in August of 1942. She was with the seventh group of Auxiliaries to report to Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. After basic training she attended Administrative School there.

Mary's first assignment was chief file clerk in the Post Surgeon's Office at Ft. Custer, Michigan. Then in 1944 she was transferred to Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, where she remained for one year. Her job was in the Ordnance Department maintaining a constant inventory on stock and material being salvaged and repaired.

It was at this time Mary decided to return to civilian life. When she was re-employed at her old job, it somehow didn't live up to military standards, so she re-enlisted in Chicago. "August is my lucky month," she says, "Every time I have enlisted it has been in August." Another strange thing is this: Mary has enlisted three times but has only one discharge. The reason is the transition from WAAC to WAC when discharges were not given.

Percy Jones General Hospital became her new home for eight months. There she worked in the EENT clinic as a medical technician. In January of this year she came to Letterman and resumed her work in EENT, but as a general clerk.

Mary plans to stay in the service at least one more year. At present she is active on the WAC bowling team. She recently scored a "blistering" 166.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The Round Robin Tournaments (either chess, checks or cribbage) seem to be very popular in the several wards. Almost every ward in the hospital seems to be engaged in one of these tournaments. The current favorite in Ward E-1 is a cribbage tournament. This particular tournament will officially end at midnight on 11 June. At the present time, Pvt. Francis W. Steko is favored to win; he is several games ahead of every other contender.

Pfc. Jimmy Artez of Ward K-1 has been in a very good mood this week due to the fact that he finally received an answer to his order for a new car. Jimmy put in his order for a new Studebaker in January of this year. They told him that he would be able to pick up his car any time after the first of July.

If you are ever transferred to Ward E-2, the first sound that will greet your ears will be the voice of S/Sgt. J. T. Chandler. Every time a new patient comes onto the ward, Sgt. Chandler bets him that he will be out of bed before the newcomer. So far, every one that he has bet with has won; but he is still hoping that he will some day win his wager.

Cpl. James Bell has just returned from a thirty-day furlough. He spent most of his time in Chicago, Illinois, which is his home. He says that it is very hard to come back to the hospital after a month of doing nothing except loafing and enjoying life. He is longing for the time when he will not have to return to patient status.

Edward Yui of Ward E-1 is ac-

cused by his ward mates of writing a book about his ward. Any time anything happens on the ward, no matter how uninteresting it is, Edward is always the first one on the scene. Although he is supposed to be a bed patient, he never seems to let that bother him; he slips on his slippers and hops over to the scene of the happening.

David Kakaio, the "supplier of music" on Ward F-1 has been released from the hospital to return to his homeland, Hawaii. Ever since David first came to the hospital, he has been playing—and gathering other musicians to play—music for Ward F-1. The ward misses him, and the patients hope to get someone on the ward who has musical talent to take the place of David.

Everyone who attends the quiz show at the Recreation Hall seems to be trying to present some talent which will enable him to win a silver dollar. For the past three weeks, Sgt. Herman M. Thomas of Ward N-2 has been singing songs to win his dollar, and last Tuesday Pvt. John Moore of Ward 2 won his dollar by doing a very fine imitation of "Bugs Bunny." If any of you feel that you have a talent which may win a silver dollar, or if you think that you can supply the correct answer to a quiz question, come to the quiz show each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 0930 hours.

The War Assets Administration was here again on Wednesday. This time they brought Old Style Army Jackets, typewriters, and wool blankets.

Stern Policy Asked By Senate Group

Washington (AFPS)—The Foreign Relations Committee recently called on the Senate to make it plain to the world that the United States would instantly and powerfully resist any attack "affecting" its national security.

The committee declared that the time is opportune for this country to "contribute to the maintenance of peace," because, "certainty in advance concerning this intention on the part of the United States should constitute a vital factor in deterring aggression."

The proposed declaration of American policy, formally filed by Chairman Arthur H. Vandenberg, unanimously commended to the Senate a resolution to commit the United States to the

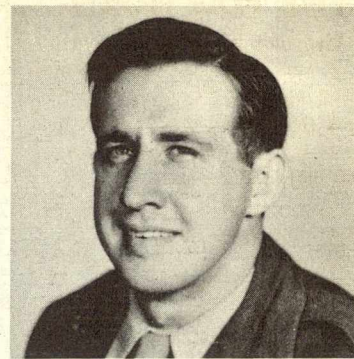
principle of military aid to self-defense groups among its friends.

The resolution also stressed that any defensive action would be "by exercise of the right of individual and collective self-defense recognized in the (United Nations) Charter."

"The experience of World War I and World War II," Senator Vandenberg's report observed, "suggests that the best deterrent to aggression is the certainty that immediate and effective counter-measures will be taken against those who violate the peace."

However, the policy resolution warned, "(it) should not be interpreted as a commitment on the part of the United States to extend assistance to any state or group of states."

ON THE SPOT



NORBERT L. MATZ
Technical Sergeant

Technical Sergeant Norbert L. Matz of the Machine Shop is a "reformed" Navy man. "Burt," as he is known around Letterman, first entered the service by enlisting for the Navy at Evansville, Indiana, on August 26, 1942. He took his Basic, or Boot training as it is known Navy side, at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Burt landed at Bizerte, North Africa in May 1943 and remained there until July when he participated in the Sicilian landings. He was a member of the Port operations crew at Palermo, Sicily, until April 1944 when he was sent back to the States for advanced training at Purdue University.

After a six months course at Purdue, Burt was transferred to Treasure Island Naval Base as a Clerk in the General Courts Martial Section. He was here only two months when he was off to school again. This time to the communication school at Oceanside, California.

After an eight-month tour of duty in Tokyo, Burt came back to the States in April 1946, and was discharged from the Navy. He was a civilian until February 1947 when he enlisted in the Army as a S/Sgt.

Burt came to Letterman in August 1947. He was born in Griffin, Indiana and attended Grade and High School there. He is interested in sports of all kinds, especially basketball, which he played in High School. He plans to make the Army his career.

Joe: "Where'd ya get th' black eye?"

Blow: "It's a berthmark."

Joe: "Whaddayamean, a birthmark?"

Blow: "I started into the wrong one on the train last night."



To 1st. Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph Gibson, a girl, **Cynthia Annette**, born 25 May.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Robert W. Wilcox, a girl, **Renee Maria**, born 26 May.

To Lt. and Mrs. Charles K. Brockett, a girl, **Ellen Sue**, born 26 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Louis E. Krokos, a girl, **Diana Susan**, born 24 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert E. Mills, a girl, **Roberta Jane**, born 25 May.

To Lt. and Mrs. John Robert Anderson, a boy, **Curtis Robert**, born 25 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Laurence S. Hurst, a girl, **Evelyn Patricia**, born 26 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Vernon E. Barber, a boy, **Charles Clifton**, born 26 May.

To Capt. and Mrs. Ray A. Van Ommen, a girl, **Laurel Lee**, born 27 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Gale M. Bromwell, a girl, **Marteen**, born 27 May.

To T/3 and Mrs. Henry J. Lusignan, a boy, **Dale Henry**, born 28 May.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Alfred W. Sokolowski, a boy, **James Michael**, born 28 May.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Richard E. Knight, Sr., a boy, **Richard Eugene, Jr.**, born 29 May.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John D. Pickens, a girl, **Linda Darlene**, born 30 May.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Jay O. McCall, a boy, **Lawrence Jay**, born 30 May.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Elmer H. Hamilton, a boy, **Harvey Eugene**, born 31 May.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Michael J. Zipovsky, Sr., a boy, **Michael John, Jr.**, born 31 May.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Antonio E. Tavitias, a girl, **Maria del Rosario**, born 1 June.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur S. Howlett, a girl, **Linda Beth**, born 1 June.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Vinner P. Ross, a girl, **Reba Vinneta**, born 1 June.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Elliott Smith, a boy, **William Alfred**, born 1 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Jake Sullivan, a girl, **Sharon Doreen**, born 2 June.

LETTERMAN LOSES AN ASSET WHEN SGT. EATON BECOMES "MISS" AGAIN



Technical Sgt. ELEANOR EATON
En route back to civil life

Sporting a friendly laugh and a pair of sparkling eyes, T/Sgt. Eleanor J. Eaton is well known to most Lettermanites. Though born in North Dakota, Ellie claims Sandstone, Minnesota as her home. Before she was eligible to join the Army she worked for a hosiery mill in Minneapolis.

In October 1944 Ellie took the step, enlisting in Minneapolis. Coming from a family of five girls, she wanted "to help do her part and travel around a bit." Ft. Des Moines, Iowa was where she took her basic training. From there she was sent to Beaumont General Hospital at El Paso, Texas for Medical Technician school. In April of 1945 Ellie came to Letterman. Her first assignment was on Ward M-1, then a dermatology clinic. Later she became NCO in charge of all the Wacs working on the wards.

August of 1946 Ellie was sent to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey for overseas processing. One month later she was en route to the ETO. Landing in Bremerhaven, Germany she was moved to Vienna. In Austria she worked in the Judge Advocate

Section. As chief clerk, she supervised the processing of war crimes materiel, courts martials, claims, legal assistance, and military affairs.

Her sixteen months with the EUCOM were extremely interesting and informative. Ellie's several leaves were spent in London, Paris, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. While in Vienna, she was a member of the WAC softball team which won the 1947 Theatre Championship.

Ellie has had a great deal of experience with softball, coming from a family which participated regularly in city park leagues. She claims to have played all positions at one time or another.

When Ellie returned from Europe she was reassigned to Letterman. Currently she is working in the T I & E Office and is Athletic Non-Com for the WAC Detachment. Her outside activities include, of course, softball and bowling.

Inside of a few days it will be Miss Eleanor J. Eaton for the first time in 44 months. Future plans include entering the University of Minnesota where she will major in

CIVIL CIRCLES

Gwen Scopin of the Baggage Room in the throes of preparation for the coming wedding of her daughter, **Geraldine**. The wedding will take place at Old St. Mary's Church on 20 June.

Gus Tevis, Bindery Room, returned from a recent trip to Reno with many a praise about the beautiful weather there.

Joe Marea of the Orthopedic Shop is off on a six weeks touring trip of the country while **Gloria Cristafulli** of Military Personnel and her husband are enjoying a vacation at Yosemite.

Joanne Gottschalk of Civilian Personnel is treading lightly these days due to a broken toe.

Ella Stalling of Military Personnel resigned last week and left by plane Wednesday to join her husband who is stationed in Alaska.

We regret to hear of the death of "Pop" **Quan** of the Post Exchange Grill. He passed away at the Chinese Hospital June 4. A long-time employee at Letterman he will be missed by his many friends.

Stella Zumwalt of the Adjutant's Office and her daughter will enjoy a three week's vacation after her daughter's graduation from the University of California.

Resignations: **Frances Kruiise**, Laboratory, **Lenice Herrick**, Finance, and **Martha Phillips**, Detachment of Patients. Martha was a long-time employee of Letterman, being here seven years and she takes with her the best wishes of her many friends here.

A welcome is extended to the new employees of Letterman: **Hazel Reed**, Military Personnel, **Fannie Caldecutt**, Occupational Therapy Shop, and **Elaine Kahn**, Orthopedic Service. We also wish to welcome three new civilian nurses: **Ruth Christiansen**, **Claribel Sanders** and **Anna Rattigan**.

Technical Agriculture and minor in Physical Education.

Sergeant Eaton is entering the University as a sophomore, since the University is granting her 47 units for military training and for scores received on the General Educational Development tests.

A capable person and one who personifies the best characteristics of the WAC, Sergeant Eaton will be missed like a second baseman with a double play in action.

MEDICAL DETACH

Letterman has two men in the winner's circle of the Sixth Army Championship track meet held at Kezar Stadium recently. Pfc. **Bill Maxwell** of Physical Reconditioning placed first in the 220 yard low hurdles and tied for first in the pole vault. He received a beautiful trophy for his efforts.

Cpl. **Roland Harlow** collected a statuette for placing first in the mile run. Harlow also copped fourth place in the '880.' Pfc. **Bill Gibson**, the other Lettermanite to place in the meet, took a third in the '880.'

1st Lt. **Raimon Lehman** of the Physical Reconditioning Branch must live right. His boys (?) S/Sgt. 'Blackie' **Blackburn** and S/Sgt. **Willard Seales** wired his car up with the latest type of atom-cracker without any accoustical results.

Rumor going around: T/Sgt. **Laurence Catron** of Pharmacy is more than an average poker player, this month, at least.

"Barracks 563 is disbanding," so states a prominent member of the group. The following are a few of the gentlemen leaving very, very soon: T/4 **Ellis Mc Diffett**, T/5 **Le Roy Hessler**, T/5 **George Margheim**, Cpl. **Marion Wells**, T/5 **Norris Johnson**, Sgt. **Tony Tangorra**, Pfc. **Jim Fawcett**, and Sgt. **Edwin Richman**.

When all of the 'short timers' take off, S/Sgt. **Burl Wanrow** and T/4 **Charles Catterlin** will be the sole survivors of more than ten months in one spot.

A belated congratulations to Pfc. **Henry Atkinson** and his bride, the former Miss **Margaret Wilmarth** of Washington. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain **McCammon** at the Presidio Chapel on 21 May 1948. Among those who attended were friends from military and civilian life.

Sgt. **Al Eyles**, who is ever astounding his friends came up with a remark straight from the 'New Yorker.' After arguing the merits of a stage show for quite some time with a group, he remarked, "It stank. I just didn't like 'Wyoming' at all." After a quick huddle, it was discovered that he was talking about 'Oklahoma.' But it takes more than one to keep up with "Little Al" . . . no matter what subject.

LETTERMAN'S OWN INSPECTOR GEN. IS LETTERMAN'S OWN COL. BESWICK



Lt. Col. WILLIAM L. BESWICK, IGD.
A new title but still the same ole bowler

When the "Powers that be" decided that Letterman General Hospital should have an Inspector General of its own, the selection of Lieutenant Colonel William L. Beswick to fill that office merely added another title to the long list he has worn during his many years of service at Letterman.

The colonel was packed off to Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston for an indoctrination course on all phases of his new field and returned only recently with his new insignia to his new job.

Col. Beswick came to Letterman away back in 1936 as a master sergeant in the Medical Department and sergeant major for this command. When the army expansion began in 1940 he was called to active duty in his reserve commission as Captain, Medical Administrative Corps. He proved to be the handiest officer hereabouts and that is when he began collecting the titles.

All at one time he was Commanding Officer of the CCC Casual Detachment, the Commanding Officer of the Detachment of Patients, the Custodian of the Patients' Fund and

Valuables, the Assistant Hospital Inspector, the Officer in Charge, Patients' Baggage Room, the Summary Court Officer, and the Recorder for the Line of Duty Board. In 1942 he went to the southwest Pacific for a little over three years and came back to Letterman in May 1945. Since then he has been successively the Adjutant, the Executive Office, and Control Officer before ascending to the rarified atmosphere where IGs dwell.

In his new assignment as Inspector General he will conduct the annual general inspection of the hospital, as directed by the Commanding General.

He will investigate all complaints submitted in writing by patient and duty personnel.

He will make special investigations as directed by the Commanding General, respecting allegations against military personnel or persons subject to Department of the Army control or respecting some condition within the hospital area in which irregularity or misconduct is suspected.

In carrying out his duties, the Inspector General is required to main-

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

M/Sgt. **Fay C. Casperson** is enjoying all the pleasant things which go with a fourteen day furlough. Maybe that could be the reason his little Ford has shown up with new red wheels and a white top. Easy to spot on a dark night!

Things are quieter than usual around the area from 0800 to 1630. If you don't know already, T/Sgt. **William (Bill) Passmore** is on night duty as driver, and his booming voice is being capably replaced by the lower drawl of T/Sgt. **Albert Mills**.

That is not a new face in the Chief Nurses' Office, but Captain **Anna Rattigan** dressed up in her new civvies. She is one of the few remaining old timers of the Train Unit, and just had to stay around even though in the capacity of a civilian nurse. Luck!

T/Sgt. **James Mitchell** and Pfc. **Boyd Patterson**, the piscatorial experts of HTU lived up to their reputations on Saturday's fishing trip. Both men brought in a good share of fish, and in addition Sgt. Mitchell brought in a case of sunburn, or is that ruddy complexion natural?

T/3 **James Oisten** has been observed taking a prominent part in the noon hour volley ball games. Listen, we bench warming critics are wondering whether or not you have ever studied the gentle art of the ballet. You do leap into the air with all the grace of a small elephant.

Captain **Charles R. Toombs** has departed on a few days of well earned leave, and Captain **Robert P. Allen**, the Detachment Commander, is taking over during his absence.

tain an unbiased mind and his reports must be true, fair and impartial.

While his reports may and probably will cover deficiencies and irregularities discovered during his inspections or investigations, the Inspector General likewise reports outstanding and meritorious accomplishments and makes suitable recommendation for commendation.

And to complete his history we should mention he also acquired the title of husband when he and Mrs. Beswick were married in the Post Chapel on 2 January 1942.

Troop Information And Education

"University Extension classes are intended to help you solve the problems you face as an employer and employee, to assist you in meeting responsibilities as a citizen of a democracy, and to aid you in your pursuit of intellectual interests."

With this excerpt from the University of California's general information bulletin for summer classes, your attention is invited to the Troop Information and Education Branch. Through this office, you may enroll in any of the numerous courses offered during the summer months.

In San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and Salinas, classes will be taught by members of the teaching staff drawn from the resident faculty, members from other institutions of comparable standing, and outstanding specialists in professional and business fields.

By means of the Army Project 50-07 Fund, 75 per cent of the tuition will be paid for the student. The maximum amount payable per course per semester is \$25. Students will pay the remaining 25 per cent of the tuition plus cost of books. (WD Memo 85-40-1, 7 May 1947, Change 1, 2 Feb. 1948.)

Among the many classes which are being offered are: Business Administration, Art, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Languages (Far Eastern and Russian Language School, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish), Medicine, Music and Speech.

For example, **Personnel Administration XB 153**, instructor, Mr. Robert S. Murray, acquaints the student with administrative and organization problems of modern personnel departments. Lectures, discussions, and practical projects assigned to students will include: Analysis, classification, description of jobs, financial and non-financial incentives, job evaluation, employment and placement facilities, employee training, safety, medical and health problems, grievances and discipline, and other employee services. Three units of credit are granted upon completion of the course. It is given in San Francisco, beginning 28 June from 7 to 9:30 in the evening, and will continue for eighteen meetings. The price of this course is \$22.50.

Another typical course is **Improving the Speaking Voice 809-A**. The



By Armed Forces Press Service

(AFPS)—Baseball's biggest scare of the early season came recently when unconfirmed reports had it that Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson was on the waiver list. The Bums' front office denied the report, but rumors continued to circulate.

It was pointed out that being on a waiver list was far from meaning that a player was on his way out. Ford Frick, National League President, explained this and allayed Flatbush fears by saying that nearly every player in the league is on a waiver list every year.

A common practice of major league teams is to draw up a waiver list containing the names of several players, only one of whom they are anxious to drop from their roster. This list is filed with the league president and notices are sent to all clubs in the league. These clubs have four days in which to claim any or all of the list at a set price of \$10,000. Even if Jackie Robinson or one of the other stars is claimed by another team, that does not mean they will get him as the club owning his contract has another 48 hours in which to withdraw his name from the list, cancelling the deal. However if after four days no one has claimed the player the waiver list was aimed to affect, the league president notifies the team which placed him on waiver and then he may be sent back to the minors. The whole purpose of placing names of the better players on the list has been to camouflage the one player, in the hope that he will be overlooked and that the club will be able to send him back to the bushes. There are other ramifications of the waiver rule, such the bushes.

The whole stew boils down to the fact that Jackie is not likely to leave the Dodgers at this time and Brooklyn's fans can go back to worrying about the loss of Stankey and the Bums' race with the Cincinnati Reds for 8th place.

From the West Coast comes word that Governor Warren of California has appointed film star Joe E. Brown to the State Athletic Commission. A former pro ball player and a real sports fan, Joe should be a valuable addition to that body. The position carries no salary and Joe's term runs until January 1, 1951.

The National Father's Day Committee recently announced that Cleveland's star hurler, Bobby Feller, has been named Sports Father of the Year. The 29-year-old pitcher has two children. Last year it was Babe Ruth who received this honor.

Stymie, the great seven-year-old stakes horse, is continuing his money making for his owner. He recently brought his all-time winnings to \$849,635, and with the \$50,000 Suburban Handicap in view at Belmont, he stands a good chance to near the million mark.

instructor in San Francisco is Mrs. Farrington. Classes consist of lectures and individual instruction in voice and speech, including breath control, relaxation and ease in speaking, inflection, resonance, carrying power, proper tone production, elimination of bad speech and voice habits, clear enunciation, correct pronunciation. Development of quality and personality in voice will be emphasized. This class begins 17 June. The time is 8-9:30. There will be 10 meetings, and the price is \$7.50.

For information regarding these or other classes and courses, contact the T I & E Office, building 1039, extension 4403.

Health Hints: To avoid that run-down feeling . . . be careful crossing streets.

Answering the Veterans Queries

The Veterans Administration Branch 12 Insurance Service handles approximately 383,000 active National Service Life Insurance accounts for World War II veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.

The vast majority of the premiums on these insurance policies are paid on a monthly basis. The checks and money orders handled by Insurance Service employees run into millions of dollars each month.

In order to speed the handling and identification of these premiums, veterans are urged by VA to use official VA premium envelopes when paying National Service Life Insurance by mail.

The envelopes expedite handling of insurance premiums since full information necessary to process the payment is included by VA before the envelope is mailed to veteran policy holders.

Veterans who pay G-I insurance premiums by mail should make checks or money orders payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

If the official yellow VA premium notice envelopes are not used, veterans should give their full name, address, G-I insurance policy number, service serial number and any other information to aid VA in making proper identification.

Question: I have added total disability income coverage to my 20-payment National Service Life Insurance policy. Does the disability coverage continue after my policy is paid up?

Answer: Yes, provided you have not reached the age of 60. You continue to pay the additional premium for disability protection to the end of the 20-year period when it, too, becomes paid up. All disability income protection ceases when the insured reaches age 60, but payments are continued to those who are totally disabled at the time they reach 60.

Question: I converted my National Service Life Insurance to 20-payment life. Is it possible to convert this policy once again to a cheaper plan of insurance, such as ordinary life?

Answer: You may, provided you are able to pass a physical examination.

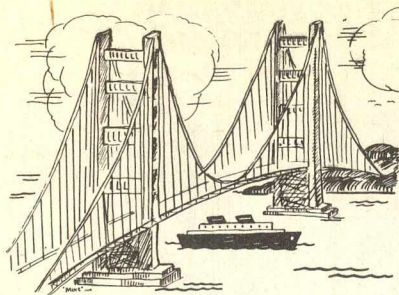
Army Surgeon Founded Signal Corps in 1863

Fort Monmouth, N. J. (AFPS)

The military and heads of the nation's communications industries joined here recently in celebration of the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Army Signal Corps.

A Fort Monmouth announcement said that an Army Surgeon, Albert J. Meyer was the founder of the Signal Corps. He was seeking a sign language for the deaf, the statement asserts, and the flag wig-wagging system he developed became the forerunner of what has become the greatest communications network in the world.

The flag-waving idea gave military men a new means of control over operations, and Meyer became a Brigadier General and the Army's first Signal officer.



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Interim Policies For Womens' Army Corps Personnel

Since the passage of legislation by Congress which gives the WAC and the WAF Regular Army and reserve status, interim policies have been announced which will become effective when the bill is enacted into law upon signature of the President. These policies apply to all WAC officer and enlisted personnel now on duty.

Enlisted women who wish to remain in the Army, and are recommended for further duty by their commanding officer, have the option of either enlisting in grade in the Womens Army Corps of the Regular Army for 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 years, or of signing up for a voluntary extension of their present tour in the WAC(AUS) for a period of 12 months, effective the date of enactment of the bill. Those who extend their tour of duty under the latter option may, if separated before the expiration of the extension, request enlistment in the WAC, Regular Army, in grade, provided this is done within 90 days of honorable discharge.

Enlisted women on overseas duty who extend their AUS tour or enlist in the WAC Regular Army may remain overseas for an additional year if the extension is authorized by their commanding general.

WAC officers who desire to continue on duty have the option of applying for appointment in the WAC section of the ORC, or, if they now hold or have applied for ORC commissions, they may request authority to sign a category 1 or category 3 statement. The category 1 statement will expire one year from the last day of the month in which the officer's 1948 birthday occurs.

More detailed information on the interim policies outlined here is contained in SGO Circular 72, 9 June 1948.



Brigadier General FRANK L. COLE
Who has been ordered to Letterman General Hospital.

Brigadier General Cole Ordered Here

Orders announcing the assignment of Brigadier General Frank L. Cole to Letterman General Hospital have been published by the Surgeon General of the Army and he will be relieved from his present assignment and duty as Chief, Surgical Consultants Division, SGO, on 1 August 1948 and have thirty days leave of absence prior to reporting here.

General Cole is a native of Idaho,

a graduate of the University of Illinois medical school, and has been in the army since 1917. From 1931 to 1936 he was on the surgical service at Letterman and chief of the service for the last year of his tour.

Brigadier General Dean F. Winn, who has been in command at Letterman since December 1946, will retire on 31 August 1948 on reaching the statutory age for retirement and will be succeeded by General Cole on 1 September of this year.

ARC Convention Delegates to Visit Letterman

Next week a group of the delegates to the American Red Cross national convention, which is to be held in San Francisco from 21 to 24 June, will spend Wednesday afternoon visiting Letterman. Approximately 500 delegates are expected to be in San Francisco for the convention, and more than 200 will be in the group making the tour of the hospital.

Arrangements for the visit are being made by Miss Grace Guilford, Red Cross field director here, and her two assistants, Mrs. Lillian Wheeler and Miss Anna Mahony.

Before their arrival at Letterman, the visitors will be taken on a brief tour around the Presidio grounds. They will then be met at the Letterman Administration building by members of the Red Cross staff and the Gray Lady Corps, and will be taken through the hospital in groups of ten, with a Gray Lady and a member of the WAC acting as escorts for each group.

The delegates will see the Operating Room, will visit four of the hospital wards, the kitchens, the mess halls, the medical and the recreational library, the gymnasium and swimming pool, and the gardens. They will also see the Brace Shop and the Occupational Therapy Shops, in both of which they have a particular interest.

Following the tour of the hospital, the visitors will go to the Recreation Center, where they will be entertained at an informal tea, to which the Commanding General and other officers of the command have been invited. The presidents of Letterman's various Hobby Clubs have also been invited to the tea, and any of the patients who are interested in coming will be particularly welcomed. The tea will be held from 3:30 to 4:00 p. m.

Many Membrs of the WAC Detachment Bid Farewell to LGH



ADELE L. MONTEAN
First Lieutenant, WAC

With the end of their term of service the Army this month bids adieu to many members of the WAC. With legislation through Congress making members of the Women's Army Corps eligible for the Regular Army, an old album closes and a new chapter is begun on women's part in the United States Army.

But let us look to those who shortly will return to civilian status. They, for the most part, have been in service three to six years. They have seen the Army from a woman's point of view and now eagerly, brightly face the opportunities of civilian life.

First Lieutenant Adele Montean of Troop Information and Education intends to return to New York City. After a summer vacation of relaxing and getting settled, she will resume her own education at New



DOROTHY BENNETT WHITE
Staff Sergeant

York University. When her work is completed for her degree, Lieutenant Montean will recommence teaching orthopedically handicapped children.

A summer of travel awaits T/3 Henrietta Callari and T/3 Jesse Pekarski. Before returning to their homes in Queens, New York, and Boston, Massachusetts, they will make the southern circuit trip of the United States; first to Los Angeles, then across Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas to New Orleans;



VIOLA M. HOCKING
Staff Sergeant

from there to Washington, D. C. Sergeant Callari, who thoroughly likes San Francisco, wants to return some day with her family. Also in the future are plans for a little dress shop or perhaps an art shop.

Hannibal, Missouri, is the destination of T/3 Frances Jenkins. She will visit her sister and family and enjoy a "luxurious rest." Next she plans to trek to Racine, Wisconsin, where her parents reside. But Sergeant Jenkins, too, wants to live in the Bay Area. Possibly when she returns, she will be able to raise hunting dogs, for this is her favorite pastime.

Though her home state is Arizona, the California state motto truly applies to S/Sgt. Viola Hocking of Military Personnel. The motto, Eureka (I Have Found It) means of course, in her case, San Francisco. It is in this greater area that Vi intends to make her residence. So, though she leaves the WAC, she wants to remain nearby.

A familiar "Information Office, Sergeant Bennett" has, this past week, become only a memory. Mrs. Dorothy Bennett White is now working as a civilian on Ward 25. She may be out of uniform, but she is still at Letterman.

Whether the California phenomena for adopting out-of-staters will catch Sergeant Lucy Sellers or not is yet a question. Sergeant Sellers, who worked in the WAC Orderly Room as Company Clerk, will join the rank of the "Misses" this week.

Ex-Sergeant Marilouise Damm of Message Center and ex-T/ Sgt. Eleanor Eaton will journey across country to Minnesota. There, at Miss Eaton's home, they will vacation a while before Miss Damm arrives at her final destination, Brooklyn, U.S.A.

It is expected that between 35 and 40 enlisted members of the Letterman WAC detachment will be separated prior to the end of this month. There are eleven WAC Officers now on the LGH staff and



HENRIETTA F. CALLARI
Technician Third Grade

but one of these is requesting separation.

Following is a partial list of WACs who are already processing for discharge: T/Sgt. Marie Nelson of the Neuropsychiatric Section, T/Sgt. Clara Queen of the Operating Room, S/Sgt. Bessie Bledsoe of the Information Office, S/Sgt. Golden O'Deal of Medical Supply, S/Sgt. Elizabeth Hess of the Operating Room, T/3 Marjorie Burns of the Registrar's Office, T/3 Edith Altenburg of the Registrar's Office, T/4 Joanne Norenberg of Central Service, T/4 Doro-



FRANCES W. JENKINS
Technician Third Grade

thy Dreger of Occupational Therapy, and T/5 Blanche Tremblay of Ward G-2.

No more "G. I. parties," no more inspections, and no more special duty for the girls. No more uniforms, no more regulations, and no more bed check. But the lure of the Army is strong and it will be interesting to note how many WACs eventually come back to service.

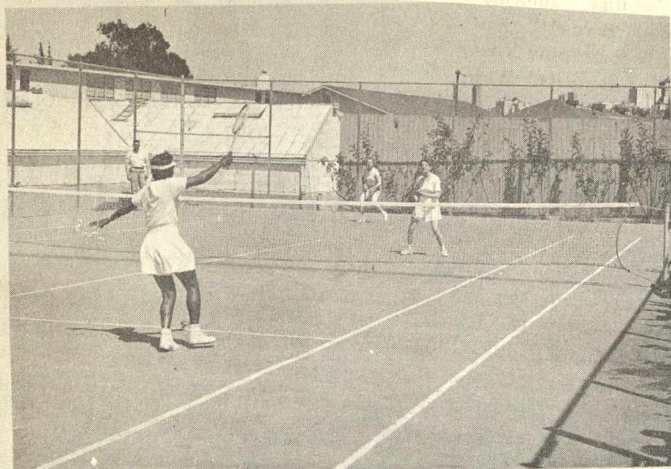
With them these women take several years of memory piled upon memory. And they have learned a great deal. In the words of J. Mason Knox:

"It is not the guns or armament
Or the money they can pay,
It's the close co-operation
That makes them win the day.
It is not the individual
Or the Army as a whole,
But the everlastin' teamwork
Of every blomin' soul."



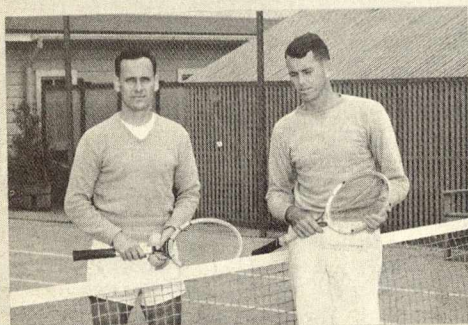
LUCY E. SELLERS
Sergeant

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



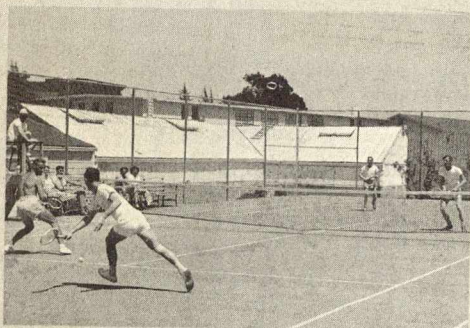
DOUBLES WINNERS IN ACTION

In the elimination tournament for the Sixth Army Championship Tennis Tournament to be held next week at Fort Ord. L to R: S-Sgt. Beatryce Taylor of Fort Ord faces the two doubles winners--Capt. Minnie Young and 1st Lieut. Frances Harlee, both of Letterman.



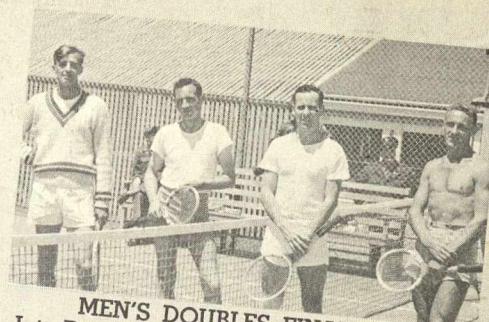
MEN'S SINGLES FINALISTS

L to R: Lieut. Col. K. L. Yarnall of Fort Scott; Lieut. Col. T. E. Smith of Fort Mason.



ANXIOUS MOMENT

For the men's doubles team in the elimination tournament held last week at Letterman. L to R: Sgt. W. A. Smith, Fort Scott; Lieut. Col. K. L. Yarnall, Fort Scott; Capt. W. D. Bumstead, Fort Ord; Capt. Paul L. Beckman, Fort Ord.



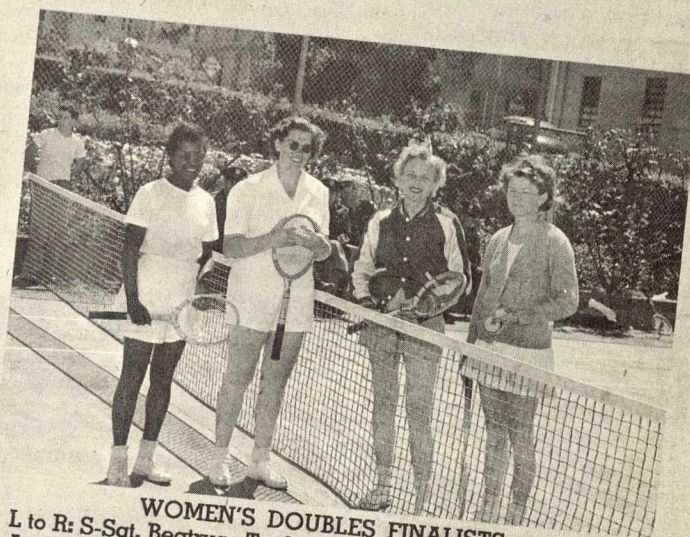
MEN'S DOUBLES FINALISTS

L to R: Capt. Paul L. Beckman, Capt. W. D. Bumstead, Lieut. Col. K. L. Yarnall, Sgt. W. A. Smith. Col. Yarnall and Sgt. Smith were the winners.



TRICKY PICKUP

L to R: T-5 James Thompson and Lieut. Col. E. F. Swift of the Presidio of San Francisco.



WOMEN'S DOUBLES FINALISTS

L to R: S-Sgt. Beatryce Taylor, Fort Ord; 1st Lieut. Amdia D. Amizich, McCornack General Hospital, and the winners--Capt. Minnie Young and 1st Lieut. Frances Harlee of Letterman. All pictures on this page were taken by Capt. Eric Vogt, Letterman patient.

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EDITORIAL

REWARD FOR IDEAS

Current slogan of the Suggestion Committee is "Reward for the capture of an idea," which serves to remind everyone working on a job in the hospital that ideas for job improvement pay off in cash awards.

Any suggestion that helps to do the work better, faster, safer or cheaper is worthy to be submitted to the Suggestion Committee for consideration for an award. The plan is open to both military and civilian personnel. Civilian employees are eligible for cash awards ranging from \$5 to \$250. Military personnel are eligible for furlough and promotion awards.

The line of least resistance in doing a job is to do it in the way it has always been done, following the routine as though it were inflexible. But the individual who is interested in his work does not do it this way. It makes the work more interesting, more stimulating if you are constantly striving to do it in the most efficient manner possible. Seeking short cuts, consolidating forms, simplifying details, all these make for better job performance.

Many persons do these things in the course of their work and fail to consider the possibility of receiving an award for them. But even if a new work method has been in effect for a time, it can still be considered for an award if it is



Wedding bells rang yesterday afternoon in Reno when First Lieut. Millie R. Tohill, ANC, became the bride of Sergeant Carl Wuhrmann of Hamilton Field. After a brief honeymoon in Reno, Mrs. Wuhrmann will return to duty at Letterman. She will be in the Army for another year.

Among the newcomers in the Army Nurse Corps recently welcomed to Letterman are First Lieut. Mabel Hopson, a former Army nurse who has returned from civilian life, and First Lieut. Nita Krebs, just back from overseas duty.

First Lieut. Olah Patterson, ANC who was Lieutenant Jones, was on her way overseas, but while awaiting shipment at Camp Stoneman, her plans changed, and her about-to-be overseas stripes became a wedding band.

Captain Grace Delaney and First Lieut. Edith Ansley, currently at Letterman as student anesthetists, are having a fine time exploring California via motor trips to places of interest throughout the state. And they like what they see, according to report.

Captain Lois H. Alfred, ANC, is on recruiting duty at present, visiting nurses' training schools to tell the members of the current graduating classes about the advantages of life in the Army.

Night duty has turned Lieut. Wilma Baker into a "Wee Bonnie Baker" so to Carmel she has gone to "recoup" her "body and spirit."

Mrs. Clarence Sanders, an ex-army nurse and wife of an army officer, has returned here in a civilian capacity. One can see, once an "army nurse, always an army nurse" be it in or out of uniform.

submitted to the Suggestion Committee before the expiration of 60 days.

Think about your work routine, and if you hit upon a method for doing it better, faster, safer or cheaper submit your idea to the Suggestion Committee. It may win an award for you.

WAC

It looked like Staff Sergeant Catherine Mack was in a sad tangle Sunday as she struggled in the day room in the midst of a welter of movie film. She finally got it all wound up, which was her objective, but for awhile the situation looked serious.

Sympathetic wishes go to the members of the detachment who are currently on patient status—First Sergeant Eileen Venters, Staff Sergeant Violet Collings, Staff Sergeant Josephine Porter, Sergeant Betty Stahl, T/Sergeant Margaret Bell and Corporal Rose Casilio.

Staff Sergeant Rose Ruscak of the Information Office began a two-week stint of night duty this week, and remarks mournfully that she will be missing a lot of fun that way.

Tech Sergeant Myrtle Gragg accumulated a spectacular sunburn Sunday while out on a sightseeing trip on the Letterman boat, the L-101.

Captain Charlotte Woodworth's happy cocker spaniel Johnny must be practically indestructible. On the "believe it or not" list goes the fact that he recently swallowed a stocking and is still as good as new. Well, those nylons are probably easy to digest.

T/4 Helen Brown, who recently went to Los Angeles on an emergency furlough because of the illness of her mother, has returned with the good news that her mother's health is now improved.

Her friends in the detachment are sorry to lose Sergeant Doris O'Donnell, who is transferring to Fitzsimons General Hospital.

Among the girls who are enjoying brief passes this week are Staff Sergeant Gertrude Churchill, Tech. Sergeant Clara Queen, T/3 Henrietta Callari and T/3 Helen Walker.

T/5 Helen "Tiny" Brost won an incredible victory over a salmon the other day, and triumphantly brought home her fish, after catching it via the L-101. Reports vary, but the salmon is said to have weighed between 15 and 25 pounds. We say incredible victory because that name "Tiny" is really appropriate.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, 20 June, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

The President

Prior to his departure from San Francisco on the visit last week The President of the United States sent 200 dozen roses and a message of greetings to the patients undergoing treatment at Letterman. Mr. Truman expressed regret that his crowded schedule did not permit a visit in person.

The Surgeon General

Major General Raymond W. Bliss, the Surgeon General of the Army, became a grandfather for the second time with the arrival of Leslie Page Whitehead at Walter Reed General Hospital on 3 June 1948.

The new grandchild is the daughter of Major and Mrs. A. K. Whitehead (Martha Jane Bliss) and named after her maternal grandmother.

On Leave

Brigadier General Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services at Letterman, and Mrs. Heaton are spending a brief period of leave at Carmel, California. They will return to station on 30 June.

Colonel Kermit H. Gates, Deputy Commander, and Mrs. Gates are spending a brief leave of absence in Palo Alto. Colonel Gates will be back at his desk on 30 June.

Some day, in years to come, you will be wrestling with the great temptation, or trembling under the great sorrow of your life. But the real struggle is here, now, in these quiet weeks. Now it is being decided whether, in the day of your supreme sorrow or temptation you shall miserably fail or gloriously conquer. Character cannot be made except by a steady long-continued process.—Phillips Brooks.

WAC OF THE WEEK



NORMA UNDERHILL
Technician Fourth Grade

She's a Hoosier from Chicago, you can tell it by her manner. She's a Hoosier from Chicago, known as Norma Underhill. Although born and educated in Indiana, the whole world is Norma's home and she is equally at ease anywhere.

Before enlisting in the Army, she was an arc welder in a defense plant in 'the windy city.' For two years she stayed on the job and it became an 'art' with her.

On 13 February 1945 the Army proposed, she said "I do," and away she went. At Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, Norma sweated through five weeks of basic training and six weeks of medical-surgical technician school.

Bushnell General Hospital she found, was "as fine an assignment as possible to begin Army life." She worked in Surgery while there. In January 1946 Norma was sent to WBGH (William Beaumont General Hospital) at El Paso, Texas. She "fell in love with the atmosphere" in the city where both the old of Mexico and the new of the States were accessible.

Then Norma went to Camp Lee, Virginia, and entered an administrative-clerical course. In ten weeks she learned everything from military law to typing. This training was excellent preparation for her next job which was with Headquarters European Command. That assignment, in Frankfurt, was as a proofreader in Staff Message Control. She checked all communications coming to and leaving the headquarters.

But finally Norma decided the Medical Department was best and returned to her work as a surgical technician with the 97th General Hospital. While in Europe, Norma visited Paris and went to La Place

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

The first prize, for pulling in the largest fish during the cruise of the L-101 on last Sunday, was awarded to T/Sgt. Harry Dryden of Ward 42. After Sgt. Dryden was told that he had very likely won the first prize he began to plan on how he would spend the money; therefore, he was very disheartened when someone pulled out a fish which weighed slightly more than his did. However, everything came out for the best, because upon closer examination it was discovered that the other fish had, at some time or another, swallowed a two-pound sash weight, which, when removed, brought his weight below that of Sgt. Dryden's fish.

The patients who attended the quiz show at the Recreation hall last Tuesday were pleasantly surprised when, after they had taken all the silver dollars that were available, Len Brooks, a talented singer from Southern California who happened to be visiting the hospital, entertained them by singing "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody."

How would you like to learn how to play chess? Most everyone who doesn't know how to play the game would like to learn; but there seems to be a scarcity of qualified instructors. Now, however, Cpl. James Hubert of Ward B-2 — an excellent player himself—has volunteered to instruct anyone who is interested in the finer points of the game.

Most everyone who is planning on a discharge in the near future wants to take a trip around the United States before they settle down to work. Two patients who

Pigalle, and also traveled to Luxembourg and Gramisch. One trip she thoroughly enjoyed was the cable car ride up Mount Zugspitze.

When she came back to the States she joined the detachment at Letterman. Currently she is working in the Operating Room. At present her future plans are uncertain. Perhaps an astrology book could help her. Norma says she may become a travelling saleswoman, she may remain in the Army, then again her wanderlust may take her to the far Pacific.

have added their names to this list are Pvt. J. G. Gilbreath and Pfc. Grover McCutcheon, both of ward O-2. They plan to spend about 30 days touring the country together.

M/Sgt. Robert W. De Kallands of ward K-2 (you'll remember him as "the" bridge player) decided to take up leather work to occupy his spare time. With all the practice he has had, however, he has become quite proficient at it. He has turned out some excellent products in carved, patterned and tooled leather. His project at the current time is making billfolds. He has become so engrossed in leather working that he is not available as a bridge partner very often.

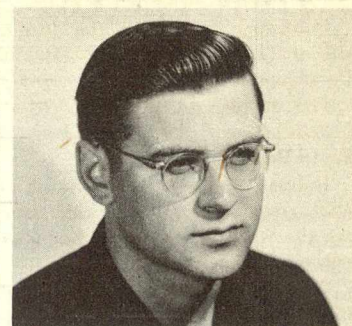
Major John B. Harding, "The Spirit of D-2," has a bedside manner all his own which he enhances by "sweets" to all visitors and to fellow "inmates." The current sweet which he is distributing is "rocky-road."

Like the proverbial bad penny, Major John S. Harmstead of ward 26, better known as the nemesis of the Troop I. and E. office; has come back to bring laughter to the personnel of that office. During his leave he visited some friends who live on the peninsula. Upon his arrival there he (and I quote) "received a very warm reception." It seems that the upper story of his friend's home was consumed by fire. Major Harmstead will soon be leaving us to report to his new station at Fort George Mead, Maryland. As yet he does not know in what capacity he will be assigned.

Library

The tradesmen who come to our back doors really find out quite a bit about us. Martha Ostenso has made this her theme in her new book, "Milk Route." Ben Start knew a lot about the people to whom he delivered milk in the suburban village and it was enough to raise questions in his mind every time he filled an order. He finds heartbreak and frustration, selfishness and pride, and he also finds the courage and sacrifice and love that are America's richest resources in a complex world. In the Library.

ON THE SPOT



DONALD A. SASEK
Corporal

Corporal Donald A. Sasek, patient on Ward 2, first entered the service on 30 October 1946, at West Hartford, Connecticut, and took his basic training at the Engineers Replacement Training Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Don, as he is known around Letterman, went immediately from "basic" to Camp Stoneman, California, for overseas processing. He landed at Inchon, Korea on 11 January 1947, and was sent to the 506th Utilities Engineer Detachment located at Taegu, Korea. Don was the supply clerk with this unit during his entire stay of 14 months in Korea. In this capacity he had a chance to do considerable traveling about and he made the most of it by making a very good photographic record of the country and its people.

Don came back to the States in March of this year but had the misfortune to be hospitalized while still aboard ship. He came to Letterman on a patient status immediately after landing and has been here ever since.

Don was born in Bristol, Connecticut and attended grade school and high school in Plainville, Connecticut. He completed two years of college in mechanical engineering at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts, before entering the Army.

Don plans to re-enter college upon his release from the Army, which will be in the very near future. He is interested in photography and sports of all kinds, especially track and basketball in which he participated while in school.

Letterman personnel will remember Don as the "Civilian" who Conducted the Troop I & E discussion period of the 8th and 9th of this month.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Signe Anderson, Chief Nurse's Office, returned from a four weeks vacation last week. Among other places, she visited in Pomona and Santa Barbara.

Beverly Lillie Kero, Ward S-1, is back at her desk after a leave spent in Portland. Beverly spent some anxious moments in Portland due to the flood, which left her stranded. We should also like to mention that Beverly is a bride of several months standing.

Diane Carter can't make up her mind which play she enjoyed most—"Private Lives" or "Annie Get Your Gun." She saw both recently and had a good time.

We saw **Margaret Trumpour** of Finance in a circular plaid skirt and looking very fetching.

Annette Feller of Ward S-1 has an arm in a sling. She sprained it while working. Could it be from too much energy while pounding the typewriter?

Jeanette Gardiner of the Sick and Wounded Office took a few days off to show her visiting sister the town.

Evelyn Schumacher of Civilian Personnel recently entertained friends from Seattle.

We welcome the following new employees to Letterman: **Lorin E. Ainger**, Laboratory Service; **Gertrude Ryder**, EENT Service; **Earl Gorby**, Radiological Service, **Pembroke Brawner, Jr.**, Laboratory Service and **Vera Steinbruner**, Neurological Service.

Josephine Giaccarini of the Laundry is ill, and was taken to St. Luke's Hospital this week, where she will undergo an operation. She will be on sick leave for five weeks.

George Hansen and **Dennis Broussel** of the Laundry are using some of their accumulated leave on a fishing trip, and their friends are warning them not to turn up with too much in the way of fish stories.

Resignations: **Edith Hawkins** of Orthopedic Service; **Pearce Huira** of EENT, and **Caroline Brophy** of Grounds and Maintenance. Caroline is now with the Transportation Corps, and is leaving shortly for Yokohama via the USAT General Hodges. She is one of two stewardesses aboard the ship, and this will be the first of what she hopes will be a number of voyages across the Pacific.

"FREDDIE" LIKES TRAVEL, BUT SHE LIKES SAN FRANCISCO EVEN BETTER



Miss WINIFRED L. BIEHL
"Otto" Has Biehl Appeal

Some people have to content themselves with reading books about the places they'd like to see, but Miss Winifred Biehl of the Letterman library staff is one of those fortunate individuals who has done so much traveling that she can read books about the places she's seen. Winifred's travels have largely been due to the fact that she is the daughter of Colonel Philip L. Biehl of the Coast Artillery, who is at present stationed in Nanking, China.

She was born on Corregidor, and has lived on a number of military posts, both in the United States and other countries. These have included, among others, Fort Scott, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Fort Worden, Washington; Fort Ruger, Honolulu, and posts in Japan and China. Both her father and mother are natives of San Francisco, which she says may account for her fondness for this city. She was first here in 1933, then returned in 1945.

She received her education in "ten or twelve schools," studied at the University of California and received her degree from the University of Washington, where she majored in English. When she came

back to San Francisco three years ago she first worked as a librarian at the Fort Scott school library, then came to the Letterman library last September.

She is better known at LGH by her nickname of "Freddie" than by the more formal Winifred. She says she enjoys library work, and the borrowers return the compliment—they appreciate Freddie. For her own reading, she prefers mysteries, but not just any mysteries. She likes the type she classifies as "rural English" in preference to the "tough-guy" school of writing.

Freddie says that when she has leisure time, with nothing to do, she likes to do just that. Whether or not this is the result of reading Stevenson's "Apology for Idlers," she doesn't say. In addition, she likes what she terms "all the usual things," among which she mentions the theatre, and golf and badminton, in the field of sports. She enjoyed seeing Tallulah Bankhead in Noel Coward's play "Private Lives," and is looking forward to seeing "Annie Get Your Gun" before the end of the current run.

She owns a dachshund which is



To Sgt. and Mrs. Cecil Marcum, a boy, **Mark Lee**, born 3 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Eulis Collins, a girl, **Patricia Lynn**, born 4 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Louis Wallace Brown, Jr., a boy, **Louis Wallace Brown, III**, born 4 June.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Roger Lee Whittlesly, a girl, **Ethel Marie**, born 5 June.

To Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Neil W. Evenson, a girl, **Penny Rae**, born 5 June.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Chester M. Stone, a boy, **David Michael**, born 5 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. George W. Walters, a girl, **Georgiana**, born 5 June.

To Captain and Mrs. Alvin C. Beck, a boy, **Lewis Edward**, born 5 June.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Robert R. Tenney, a boy, **Donald De Waine**, born 6 June.

To Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Yarnall, a girl, **Natalie Elizabeth**, born 6 June.

To Captain and Mrs. Norman B. Bodinger, a girl, **Judith Sue**, born 6 June.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Roy Lee Osborne, Jr., a boy, **Roy Lee III**, born 7 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John H. Waterbury, a boy, **Terry Lee**, born 7 June.

To Corporal and Mrs. Isaac Welch, a boy, **Isaac Johnny**, born 7 June.

To Capt. and Mrs. James Herbert Burniston, a boy, **John Michael**, born 7 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Paul Bird, a boy, **Charles William**, born 7 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. George R. Thompson, a boy, **Harry Lee**, born 8 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Zygmunt Zawadski, a boy, **Stephen Elliott**, born 8 June.

To Corporal and Mrs. Lawrence Boucher, a girl, **Katherine Anne**, born 9 June.

our candidate for the "dog with the most amusing name" contest (in case there ever is such a contest). "His name is Otto," says Freddie, "and of course his middle name is Mo." Thus, since his last name is Biehl, we have—well, say it over to yourself. Like it?

MEDICAL DETACH

T/3 Lawrence J. Riley of the Electro Cardiograph Clinic, the perennial "car smasher upper," is at it again. No one can accuse Lawrence of jumping on someone who is smaller than himself. This time he tangled with a cable car and lost a split decision. He was fortunately not at fault and will emerge with nothing more serious than a slightly (?) bruised automobile.

T/Sgt. John Mallon of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic has been a patient for quite a while on Ward K-1. John says that he is doing fine and expects to be back winning all the bingo games in the very near future.

Corporal Jesse Pickrell of the Letterman M. P. Detachment renewed old acquaintances last Tuesday afternoon. He had quite a chat with the "old acquaintance" who was none other than General Mark Clark. The General had presented Jesse with the Meritorious Service Ribbon in Vienna, Austria, in April, 1947.

T/Sgt. Joe Surowicz of the Hospital Service Branch has left for Detroit, Michigan, on a 15-day furlough. He says he is going to attend a Polish wedding. Yours, Joe?

T/4 Gilbert Weber of the Crissy Mess has a very sad, handdoggish look in his eyes these days. It all adds up to the fact that his Mess Sergeant and bodyguard T/Sgt. Jack LaVelle is on furlough.

To name a few of the boys who are leaving us this week, just start saying fond adieu to: LeRoy Hessler, Roland Harlow, George Margheim, Joseph Beard, Anthony Tangorra and Ira T. Reeves.

S/Sgt. William Reinert of the Chief of Medical Service Branch and the gentleman who made this column a few weeks ago as the champion collector of nicknames via his "buddy" 1st Sergeant Robert Walsh of the X-Ray Clinic is at it again. According to Bob, one may now add to the list the nom de plume of "Nature Boy."

Keep your eye on the guy who claims he is the head of his house. He may lie about other things, too.

HE'LL RETURN TO THE "WILD BLUE YONDER" ON HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT



Captain BENJAMIN F. ARMSTRONG, AAF
Left Letterman this week for overseas duty in Germany

After two years at Letterman as Air Force Liaison Officer, Captain Benjamin F. Armstrong left this week for a new station and new duties in the European Command. He is going to Germany, and expects to be on full time flying status there. Captain Armstrong says he is very pleased with his new assignment, though he is reluctant to leave Letterman because "it is the best assignment I've ever had."

His wife Helen and their two children, Benjamin and Donna, will accompany the captain to his overseas station. He will report to Camp Kilmer on 7 August, and until then he and his family will be at their home in Delaware City, Del., where Captain Armstrong expects to spend a major portion of his time making repairs on his house.

Captain Armstrong is a native of Delaware. He enlisted in the Coast Artillery in August 1941, and was in that branch of the service until February 1943, when he was commissioned in the Air Corps. After cadet training he spent six months with a light bombardment group in B-25s, then transferred to heavy bombardment.

In 1943 he went overseas to Italy as bombardier with a B-24 group. After completing 50 missions he returned to the United States in 1944, and was made instructor in heavy bombardment at Chatham Field, Savannah, Georgia.

He applied for pilot training and after completing it became an instructor in the twin engine advanced school at Turner Field, Albany, Georgia. There he did administrative work as well as flying.

Before he came to Letterman in July 1946 he was assistant hospital Air Force liaison officer at William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas, for a time. Although his duties here at Letterman were of an administrative nature, Captain Armstrong continued to fly, maintaining his proficiency at Hamilton Field in his spare time. He is fond of sports, particularly golf, and used what remained of his leisure hours in sports activities.

Captain Armstrong has earned praise for his efficient discharge of his duties here, and the good wishes of Lettermanites go with him on his new assignment.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Congratulations are in order for the following men; Ernest E. Beaudry, Thomas S. Butler, John E. David, Ralph E. Sellers, Welton W. Sessmus, and John R. Walker. All of these men were promoted to the grade of T/5 this week.

Tech. Sgt. Charles L. Barnes of Unit Supply has been observed smoking an air cooled pipe. Rather a fancy hod, Sarge, and how does the new fangled job compare to the old corn cob variety?

T/4 Howard P. Padgett and Cpl. Claude Corea are currently on the sick list. Here is hoping that their stay in the hospital is a short one.

Seven men of the Hospital Train Section were detailed as attendants to accompany patients to various parts of the United States from Oregon to Pennsylvania; these men are Sgt. Fred Creech, Pfc. (now T/5) Ralph Sellers, Pfc. Bobby C. Sullivan, 1st Sgt. Frank O'Connor, Pfc. (now T/5) Ernest Beaudry, T/Sgt. Warren Kernop, and Sgt. Donald D. Chah. That the patients will be given the best of care and will reach their destinations safely goes without saying.

First Sgt. Sol C. Allen of the Transportation Section has managed to depart on his three day pass.

S/Sgt. Robert C. Morrill of Maintenance Section, is requested to give the personnel of the Administration building a little warning when he suddenly release the air brakes on the Diesel locomotive, especially when he is directly in front of building T-232. After all some of us are getting older, and in addition were more or less involved in the late war, and any loud, sudden, shattering noise gives for the jitters, besides, bldg. T-232 is a temporary structure. Thank you very much Sarge, all concerned now feel very much relieved now that we presume we will be warned.

Captain Wyman D. Taylor is the happy recipient of a few days leave.

First Sgt. Don L. Dicks has returned to the Transportation Section after a tour of duty in Ward S-1.

The old-fashioned girl who darned her husband's socks now has a daughter who socks her darned husband.

Troop Information And Education

Letterman "college" has moved again. At present the study and class rooms are adjacent to the Troop Information and Education office in building 1039. Patients and duty men are welcome to come in, browse through the USAFI library, and use the facilities for studying.

On Friday, June 12, 1948, spring classes ended. And with the summer vacation, Miss Frances Lillenthal and Mrs. Julia Dempster said adieu to begin their temporary leaves. Throughout this period volunteer teachers will take their places.

Behind them our instructors have left quite a record of classes, subjects, and pupils. And by the way, how is your record? Do you know about the 360 USAFI courses? Do you know how to qualify for higher education? Do you know about the Army's Individual Record Card?

This record card on education is something like a baseball score-board. But instead of recording the number of home runs that you hit during the month, it maintains an accurate summary of the number of USAFI courses you start and complete . . . the length of the course in hours . . . the number of hours completed . . . the date you complete your course and the grade you receive.

All this adds up to the fact that in your 201 file will be a record of an aggressive, intelligent soldier who is trying to prove his value through the Army Education Program. (US AFI self-study and correspondence courses or college extension courses).

It is easy to have your entire program planned for you. This is equally valuable to the men who are new and the men who have found quite a bit of spare time on their hands. The USAFI texts with the "built-in teachers" are really excellent; for beside the factual information there are study guides and questions to check and see if you are absorbing the proper material. If you require extra help the entire education staff is available.

The only way you can lose is by failing to enroll NOW. If you want to get in step with this program, check with your Troop Information and Education Office, right away. It is building 1039, extension 4403, for "education wise is Army wise."

Ft. Jay Soldier: "I'll have the two dollar dinner."

New York Waitress: "On white or rye bread, please?"



By Armed Forces Press Service

American pistol and rifle shooters are turning their eyes towards Quantico, Virginia, in anticipation of the tryouts for the U.S. Olympic Games Rifle and Pistol Teams. Scores of men from all branches of the Armed Forces will compete with the best of the nation's civilian gunners on Quantico's Marine range from July 8 through July 14.

Although the majority of American champions in pistol and rifle competition have been civilians, the military have made their marks time and again. The Navy has had its Commander C. T. Osborn and Lieutenant Commander Thurman Randle; the Army speaks with pride of Colonel Sidney Hinds, and the Marine Corps can boast of Major Emmett Swanson and Gunner Morris Fisher. All of these men rate among the best shots of all time, but it was Gunner Fisher who had the most remarkable record.

Morris Fisher, an 18-year-old Marine recruit from Youngstown, Ohio, reported to Parris Island back in 1911. He had no shooting experience previous to his enlistment and failed to qualify the first time on the range. He was not overly interested in shooting at that time and his failure did not bother him. However, shortly after completing his boot training he was transferred to Pearl Harbor and there began his shooting career. The CG, Major General Douglas C. McDougal, was a believer in proficiency in arms and required every Marine in his command to fire five rounds from every position several times each week.

Fisher, finding himself in the middle of this campaign, began to develop the skill that led him to two Olympic and two World Championships. Now retired, the former rifle champion and veteran of two wars does not take part in matches, but often visits military ranges and acts as an observer and coach. He is the author of two books, "Mastering the Rifle" and "Mastering the Pistol."

The 1948 Olympic Games may not produce another Fisher, Osborn or Hinds, but it should serve to revive American interest in shooting. Always popular in the United States, shooting reached its peak in popularity back in the 1870's when American teams were defeating the best of European marksmen thus gaining international supremacy. According to some writers, a great rifle shooter in the 1870's was as much a public idol, in ratio, as were Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Jack Dempsey, John L. Sullivan and other athletes of later eras. He was lionized wherever he went. He was recipient of dinners, of trophies and of wild acclaim. He was regarded as a "magnificent type of American," and no honor was too great to be showered on him.

World War II affected match shooting in two ways. While it caused a shortage of ammunition that hampered civilian gun clubs, it served to introduce enlistees, who had never handled firearms to the rifle and pistol. "Gun Bugs," as so many shooters like to call themselves, are hoping for a real revival of the sport and the discovery of some more great American champions.

LGH WAC Officers Win Tennis Honors

Letterman will be represented in the Sixth Army Tennis Tournament at Fort Ord next week by Captain Minnie L. Young and First Lieut. Frances Harlee. They took top honors in the doubles contest. Captain Young shared the singles title with First Lieut. Amdia D. Amizich of McCornack General Hospital, and will play in the singles at Fort Ord.

On the men's team, Lieut. Col. Kenneth L. Yarnall of Fort Scott shared singles honors with Lieut. Col. Thomas E. Smith of Fort Mason. Colonel Yarnall and Sgt. Wallace A. Smith of Fort Scott drew No. 1 honors in the men's doubles.

The tournament at Fort Ord will be held 22 through 24 June.

Vet Loses Home and Girl; He Is Happy About it All

New York (AFPS) — Vincent La Rocca, a 24-year-old Army veteran, lost a hundred dollar deposit he paid on a home that was never built—plus his girl. And he is happy about the whole thing.

The philosophical vet, one of the witnesses in a larceny trial here, stated:

"I lost my girl as a result of not getting the home, but it was worth the \$100 to find out that she wanted a home more than a husband."

Inebriate, returning to bar: "Shay, I think I've been kidnapped." Bartender: "How come?"

Soak: "When I went home, I looked in my li'l bed an' I wasn't there."

Answering the Veterans' Queries

The 191,000 veterans enrolled in school or training on-the-job in the Veterans Administration Branch 12 area will receive an explanation of the increased subsistence allowances with their paychecks due about June 1.

In many cases the new increases will be paid automatically. Veterans in job-training will receive a special form to fill out. Veterans who wish to claim subsistence allowance for two or more dependents are urged by VA to follow instructions enclosed in the June 1 paychecks.

VA explained the first adjustments that possibly can be made will be in June subsistence allowances payable on or shortly after July 1. It is more likely that most of the initial payments at the higher rates will not be made before the July checks are sent out about August 1.

The first payment the veteran receives at the new rate will include all retroactive increases due. Veterans requested by VA to furnish additional information will receive retroactive payments if they return the data requested before September 1.

Veterans Administration reminds all veterans training in schools under the G-I Bill that they automatically will be granted 15 days leave at the end of the present term.

Subsistence allowances will be paid and entitlement charged for this period.

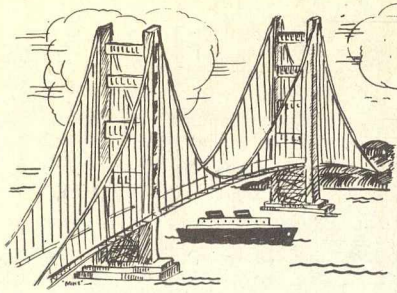
Veterans who do not want their entitlement reduced by the leave, must notify VA in writing at least 30 days before the end of the present term.

Question: If I attend summer sessions at the college where I am enrolled under the education benefits of the G-I Bill, do I need a supplemental certificate of eligibility?

Answer: No. The only time you need a supplemental VA certificate of eligibility to attend summer school is when you transfer to another school for the summer term.

Question: Is it correct that training officers from Veterans Administration have been relieved of all responsibility for the direct supervision of World War II veterans training under the G-I Bill?

Answer: Yes. The change will permit VA's training officers to devote more time to the needs of disabled veterans training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act.



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New Federal Home Loan Grants for Disabled Veterans

Paralyzed veterans suffering from a permanent and total disability due to a spinal cord injury or disease incurred in the service will receive, under a law signed by the President June 21, 1948, federal grants up to \$10,000 for the purpose of purchasing or remodeling homes designed for wheel chair living, Veterans Administration has announced.

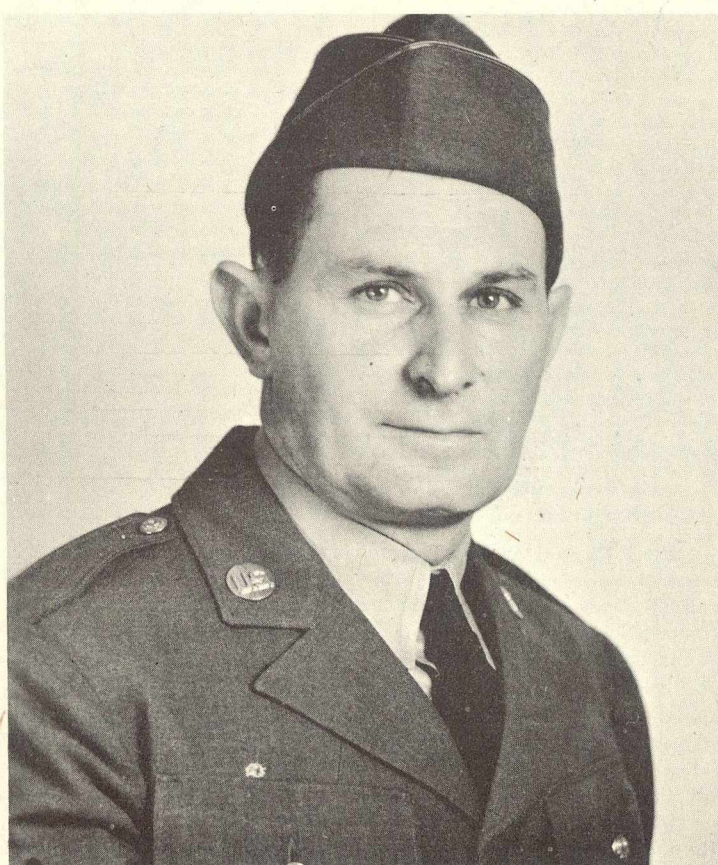
The law will benefit some 240 paraplegic, or paralyzed, veterans residing in the VA Branch 12 area, which includes California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.

Instructions as to where and how paralyzed veterans may apply for the grants will be issued in the near future. Until then VA requests these veterans to refrain from making inquiries on the subject at VA offices.

Eligible under the law are veterans of war or peace who served in the armed forces since April 21, 1898, who have a permanent and total service-connected disability due to a spinal cord disease or injury, resulting in paralysis of the legs and the lower part of the body.

The purpose of the law is to provide these disabled veterans, who must spend a major part of their lives in wheel chairs, with homes especially adapted to their needs.

The special features which may be incorporated in such homes include ramps, instead of steps or stairs, extra-wide halls and doorways, larger rooms, special bathroom arrangements and fixtures



Master Sergeant THEODORE SCHMIERER
Retires after 22 years at Letterman

Letterman Veteran Retires This Week After 22 Years

Master Sergeant Theodore Schmierer, who has the unique distinction of spending his entire military career at Letterman General Hospital, will pass to the retired list on 30 June by reason of physical disability. He has been a patient for the past six months but has recovered sufficiently to enjoy the leisure days ahead.

Sgt. Schmierer is a native of Bismarck, N. D. but came with his parents to California while he was still in infancy. After graduating from high school in Lodi, California, he enlisted in the army on 5 December 1926 here at Letterman and stayed to be one of the real "old timers" in the command. He served in all grades from private to master sergeant and retires with the last named grade.

As the senior non commissioned officer in the Medical Supply section he watched the demands on that service from the needs for 500 beds to requirements for 3500 beds at the peak of the war. He was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for his outstanding performance of duty in the Supply Division.

Sgt. Schmierer plans to make his home in San Francisco.

and, in some cases exercising facilities.

In determining the eligibility of applicants, VA is required to ascertain that it is medically feasible for the veteran to live in the house, that its cost bears a proper relationship to his income, and that it is suitable to the particular veterans requirements.

VA also is authorized to supply eligible veterans, free of charge, with model plans and specifications

of suitable housing units.

Veterans who qualify are entitled to a grant, not to exceed 50 per cent of the total cost of the home or a maximum of \$10,000 with which to buy or build a new home, to remodel an existing home, or to liquidate indebtedness in connection with such a special home already acquired.

The law limits each veteran to a single housing unit, but the grant may be applied toward the purchase

of both the building site and the house.

Veterans who receive assistance under the new statute do not forfeit their eligibility for VA loan guarantees under the G-I Bill, and it may be possible for World War II veterans to finance a portion of their home projects under the latter law, VA said.

New Facilities for LGH Obstetrics and Gynecology

During the past two months the Obstetrical and Gynecological facilities at Letterman have been greatly expanded, and according to Lieut. Col. Harvey C. Boyd, Chief of the Section, it is expected that in future between 1000 and 1200 deliveries a year will be done here. In 1947 there were 455 deliveries.

The Obstetrical and Gynecological Section is under the Surgical Service for administration, and earlier this year it was recognized by the commanding general and the chief of Surgical Service that Letterman's obstetrical facilities did not provide adequate space for the potential number of obstetrical cases. Funds were obtained from The Surgeon General for the purpose of remodeling ward 25, in the East Hospital area, so that a larger number of cases could be handled. Expansion was particularly necessary at this time, since the Fort Baker Station Hospital was closing, and Letterman was to assume responsibility for cases formerly taken care of there.

Patients on the section come to Letterman from posts throughout the Bay Area, and also from the Pacific Area. Many complicated cases are sent back to the United States for care, and the great majority of these are treated at LGH. In addition to these, complicated obstetrical cases are sent here from surrounding air fields as far east as Nevada and Idaho.



BRONKO P. LELICH
Lieut. Col., MC
Asst. Chief, Obstetrical
Section



Lieut. Colonel HARVEY C. BOYD, MC
Chief of Letterman's Obstetrical and Gynecological Section.

Until 1 May of this year the obstetrical cases were cared for on ward H. They are now on ward 25, where 26 beds are available, 20 bassinets and four incubators.

When the projects for increasing the obstetrical service were set up, it was found necessary to provide larger clinical facilities for obstetrical, gynecological and sterility studies, and Building 1146 in the East Hospital area, was converted into a clinic, and equipped with new facilities for Pediatrics, Allergy, Psychiatry and Neurology.

The commanding general and the chief of Surgical Service also recognized the need for larger space for gynecological work, and on 1 June ward N-1 was set up as a gynecological ward. The ward contains 28 beds. Obstetrical cases not ready for delivery, or those that have certain complications, are cared for. Eight beds are set aside for the use of the obstetrical section. Female urological hospital cases are also cared for on ward N-1.

The most modern type of equipment has been installed in the various departments of the section, and more new equipment is arriving daily. When all installations are completed, Letterman's Obstetrical and Gynecological Section will be one of the most modern operating in San Francisco.

In addition to the 455 deliveries in 1947, there were 14 cesarean sections. It is of interest to note that of 200 sets of twins born in San Francisco last year, seven sets were born here at Letterman. In the out-patient service there were 5438 out-patient visits, with 1250 new patients. It is expected that with the expansion of facilities these figures will more than double.

There were 403 admissions to the Gynecological Section in 1947, with approximately 300 surgical procedures being done. There were 1875 out-patient visits, with 842 new patients.

In addition to the care of all obstetrical and gynecological patients,

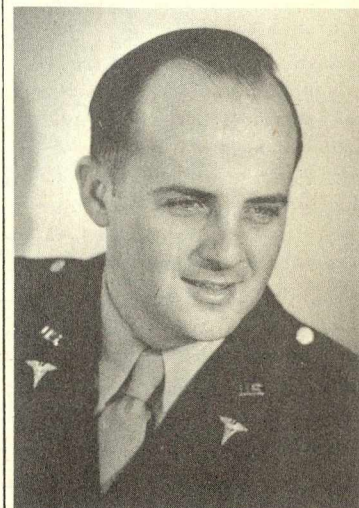
a training program is maintained, and interns stationed at Letterman rotate through the section.

Colonel Boyd, the Chief of Obstetrical and Gynecological Section, has been in the Army since 1939, and says he has enjoyed his assignments and likes Army life.

He was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1933 and received his M. D. and C. M. from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. He interned for a year at the Marine Hospital in San Francisco, and in 1939 came into the Army.

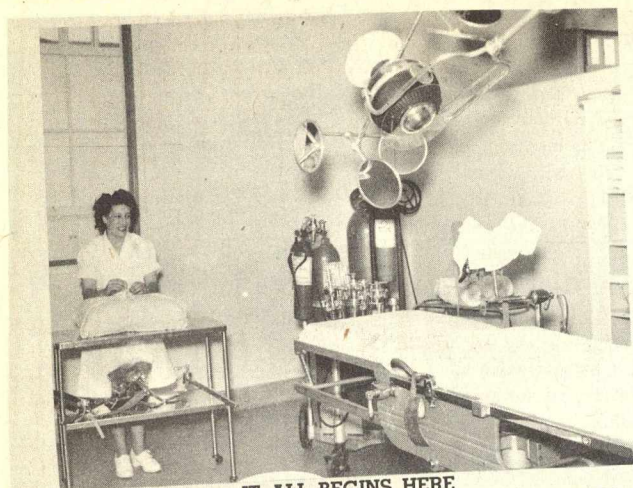
Colonel Boyd was at Fort Monmouth, N. J., for a time, then in December, 1940, went to Panama, where he was surgeon for the Coast Artillery Command. Upon his return to the States in 1943, he was with the 13th Medical Training Regiment at Camp Barkley, Texas, for four months, and then went to Camp White, Oregon, where he was chief of Surgical Services, and later Chief of Ward Service with the 104th Evacuation Hospital. Before going overseas with the 104th, he went to Mayo Clinic for a course in thoracic surgery. After a few months in England, he went to Normandy with the 104th. In August 1944 he became commanding officer of the 7th Convalescent Hospital, which was then near Paris. He continued as CO when the hospital was moved to Cologne, and later to Marseilles. After the hospital was deactivated,

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WILLIAM C. MOORE
Captain, MC
Assistant Ward Officer, 25

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



IT ALL BEGINS HERE

The Delivery Room on ward 25, main ward of Letterman's Obstetrical Service. Mrs. Jennie Gerhow, wardmaster, has that happy look as she makes preparations for the next patient.



ACCORDING TO FORMULA

Captain Areline Burkhead, ANC, nurse in charge on ward 25, looks into the situation in the Formula Room.



BOTH DOING WELL

Mrs. Mary Hartquist and her two-day-old son, Peter Gary, born at Letterman 19 June. The baby weighed 4 lbs. 11 oz. at birth. His father, T-Sgt. Jack Hartquist, is at present stationed in Adak



IN THE NURSERY

Mrs. Alberta Nielsen, civilian nurse in charge of the nursery, poses Stephen Zawadski, the son of T-Sgt. and Mrs. Zygmunt Zawadski, for his first photograph so far. Stephen was born at Letterman on 8 June.



BACK FOR A CHECK-UP

At Letterman's Pediatric Clinic. T-4 Ethel Stepp prepares six-week-old Jeffrey Goodlett for examination, while his proud parents, 1st Lieut. and Mrs. John R. Goodlett, look on. The circus posters on the walls, done for the diversion of the young patients, are the work of Sgt. Lou Cameron of Sixth Army.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

SECURITY

Security is a fine, heart-warming word, and it is something that everyone desires, but it is not easy to obtain it. A big step in the direction of security is participation in the government's current Security Loan plan.

A concerted effort is now being made to remind all personnel at Letterman of the advantages of U. S. Savings Bond purchases. Effective 1 July, all classified civil service employees will receive a pay raise. It is suggested that, if possible, a part of that extra money be diverted to a planned savings program. There is no more practical method of saving than that afforded by these Savings Bonds.

They may be bought, as were the U. S. War Bonds, in convenient units of \$25, \$50 or \$100. The \$25 bond costs \$18.75; the \$50 bond is \$37.50; the \$100 bond, \$75. At maturity, ten years from date of purchase, they pay \$4 for each \$3 invested.

The bonds may be acquired either by payroll savings deductions or by cash purchase. A payroll deduction for civilian employees may be as low as \$3.75 from each paycheck, and proceed in multiples of \$1.25 through the following amounts: \$6.25, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$18.75, \$37.50.

Start now to buy future security via the U. S. Savings Bond plan.



Welcome to three recent newcomers on the Army Nurse Corps staff: First Lieut. **Bernice Bodreau**, just returned from Korea; First Lieut. **Hazel Belsit**, back from Japan; and First Lieut. **Christine Coletti**. Lieut. Coletti is now a newcomer to Letterman, since she is a former Army nurse who has been working here as a civilian nurse, but she is a newcomer to Regular Army ranks.

The sincere sympathy of her friends at Letterman is extended to First Lieut. **Mary C. Long**, whose husband, **John D. Long**, died last week after a long illness. Lieut. Long is at present on emergency leave.

Captain **Vida Buehler**, chief Physical Therapist, is spending a two-week leave in Eugene, Oregon, visiting Mr. and Mrs. **Bruce Buehler**, her brother and sister-in-law.

A welcome goes this week to a new member of the dietitians staff: First Lieut. **Beth Campbell**, who has returned to Army life after two years as a civilian.

Three of the Letterman nurses are leaving shortly for overseas duty. Captain **Ruth S. Porter** and First Lieut. **Grace C. Loehde** are going to Guam, and first Lieut. **Mary D. Montgomery** will be stationed at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Captain **Velma Richardson**, chief dietitian, has as house guests her sister, **Maxine Richardson** and **Margaret Coffee**, both here from Wisconsin, and a friend from Indiana, **Lucille Conn**, a former Army nurse. Captain Richardson is working on two projects involving her guests—collecting tennis enthusiasts for games with her sister, and attempting to recruit Miss Conn back into ANC ranks.

ANC members who are enjoying 30-day summer leaves in the East are First Lieut. **Virginia Thomas**, who went to Beverly, Mass.; First Lieut. **Hazel I. Snowden**, going to Farmington, Maine, and First Lieut. **Beatrice A. Hayward**, bound for West Bridgewater, Mass.

WAC

Captain **Minnie Young** and First Lieut. **Frances Harlee** went to Fort Ord for the Sixth Army Championship tennis tournament this week, taking with them lots of good luck wishes for their success. As we go to press the tournament is still in progress, so news of the results will be deferred until next week.

Staff Sergeant **Meryl Meredith**, already a patient, just added to her woes when she fell asleep in the sun one day last week and woke up with a sunburn to end all sunburns. Her face looked like she got the sun allotment for about a dozen people, but she still manages a cheery smile, though it isn't easy.

Master Sergeant **Opal Glenn** spent most of her time on a three-day pass last week going to the dogs—taking care of her pets, we mean, of course.

The detachment keeps saying good-bye to WACs that are rapidly becoming former WACs. This week it was T/Sgt. **Clara Queen** and T/5 **Helen "Tiny" Brost** who became civilians.

T/4 **Leatrice Lamascus** didn't have to go far to accumulate her becoming suntan, just got it locally, out behind the WAC dayroom, but it looks like the expensive product of a long holiday at a beach resort.

T/4 **Becky Monroy** is working up a nice collection of socks for her brother, and she doesn't buy them ready-to-wear, either—she knits them herself.

T/3 **Lee Witkowski** is enjoying a visit this week from her mother, who is here from Cleveland, Ohio.

T/5 **Emma Ghormley** has announced her intention of spending a brief furlough at Yosemite, where she says she will pitch a pup tent and really get back to the simple life.

When T/3 **Aletha Birchfield** returns from her current 15-day furlough in Los Angeles she will be saying goodbye to Army life. Aletha plans to go to school at the University of Minnesota, but expects to stay in San Francisco until the Fall term begins.

T/4 **Ethel Stepp** is enjoying a 10-day furlough in Los Angeles, and First Sgt. **Nellie Johnson** is spending a few days in Alhambra, California.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, 27 June, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Security Loan

All civilian personnel of Letterman attended meetings held Thursday afternoon in the patio in the interest of the current Security Loan campaign. Lieut. Col. William L. Beswick addressed the meeting as the representative of the Commanding General. Captain **Frances Peterson**, Savings Bond officer, and Mr. **Ray V. Shine**, Director of Civilian Personnel, spoke briefly on the advantages of making U. S. Savings Bond purchases.

Library

"Demian" is the new novel by Hermann Hesse, Nobel Prize Winner of 1946. It is a story of the beast in man, presented in terms of good and evil, as it is met in the growth of a maturing boy. Young **Emil Sinclair** is not too young to realize while he is still in school that there are around him two worlds, one "bright," one "dark." The bright world of his home, his parents, his secure well-being is easily accepted; the dark world outside, of poverty and cold and suspected but unknown unpleasantness, is only sensed by Sinclair. It is Demian who helps Sinclair to the eventual possession of his own soul. Through school, vacations, and the university, Sinclair meets the old problems which have plagued thinking men since thought began. Is one part of a world community? Is it strength or weakness to conform to the general pattern—Is not fulfilling one's own destiny the highest task and the greatest good one can accomplish? "We can understand one another; but each one is able to explain only himself." "Demian" is an attempt to make that explanation in fictitious terms. In the Library.

WAC OF THE WEEK



GARLAND I. EPPLE
Technician Fifth Grade

"Nicknames are nice," so says T/5 Garland Epple. Her friends call her Pat. Though born and educated in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, she claims Los Angeles, California as her home.

While in Los Angeles, Pat worked in the Federal Reserve Bank for three years. She "held down" the government books. "If you think I had 'banker's hours,' you are wrong. Having to check all government checks and balance the totals was no easy job."

In August of 1945 Pat enlisted in the Women's Army Corps. She was promptly sent to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for basic training. This post was not exactly what Corporal Epple liked but when she was moved to Fort McPherson in Atlanta, Georgia, she found it "wonderful." At that post she worked in Personnel Affairs and the Enlisted Reserve Corps sections.

After nine months she was sent travelling. Her destination was Europe. Pat wound up in the Port Signal Office at Bremerhaven, Germany. But her particular job kept her busy moving around to pick up property reports all over Germany and consolidate them. This assignment lasted nineteen months.

In October 1947 Pat was transferred to the Adjutant General Records Section in Berlin. There she classified incoming communications. She enjoyed her job very much. And now she would enjoy a return trip to Europe.

On the 19th of March, this year, Pat came back to the States as a patient. She was hospitalized at Letterman. When released as a patient, she began work in the Receiving Office. Currently Pat can be found between 2400 and 0800 filling out rou-

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Lt. John Koss, of ward B-1 is being urged to gather the doodlings which cover the wall beside his bed and to form them into a mural. It seems that every time Lt. Koss has any spare time he doodles on the wall beside his bed.

Fishing seems to have taken on a great deal of importance in the eyes of Pvt. James Buckner, of ward F-1. For the past week he has gone fishing almost every day on the Special Services boat, the L-101. As yet his luck in catching fish has not been so good. He hasn't brought back a thing, and not even a case of sun burn. It sounds as though there was something fishy there, don't you think?

Cpl. Arthur F. Larson, of ward K-2, has been having a difficult time trying to find enough players for a bridge game—It seems that all the bridge players have been transferred out of the ward—so he decided to go fishing instead. Although he didn't catch any fish, he caught a good dose of sunburn and of all places on his feet. Can you better that?

Cpl. James Berland, of ward F-2, has been wanting to go on a boat tour of San Francisco Bay. The other day he finally got the chance and what do you think happened? They hadn't been on the water for more than 15 minutes when he became seasick. He therefore spent most of the time on his stomach looking at the water. He says that he intends to take another trip, however.

Ever since Lt. Harry Lawler first started taking typing lessons he has been greeting his typing teacher as well as other visitors with the hand gymnastics used to gain the ambidexterity needed in typing. His teacher says that she never knows whether he is trying to be a trapeze artist or a typing expert. The dreams which she has been having lately are all filled with Lt. Lawler performing his gymnastics. Pfc Donald Sasek, of ward 30, (almost everyone knows him because

time information on newly admitted patients.

Pat plans to remain in the Army and if she is sent overseas she says, "I will go Regular Army immediately." In her spare time she enjoys reading, crocheting, and embroidering.

of the wonderful colored pictures he took in Korea) came in contact with the Troop Information and Education Office quite by accident. It seems that his pictures were used in a troop Orientation not very long ago and when he came to the office to get his films he was told of all the courses that USAFI had to offer and he finally walked out with a correspondence course in College Calculus.

M/Sgt Karl Sorenson, of ward K-2 is (and I quote) finally being transferred out of ward K-2. However, he is not too overjoyed at the prospect at the present time because he will not be able to agitate his wardmates any more. It seems that he could get around better than most of the patients on K-2 so he would spend most of his time teasing them. He says that he will miss all of that very much.

"Health" was the concern of Lt. Col. John H. Heninger and Capt. William Miller, both of ward D-2. They were quizzing each other, trying to find out who was in better mettle last Wednesday.

After the Quiz show (you know, when they give away all those silver dollars) a "Community Sing" is conducted by Sgt H. Shortz in the Recreation Hall. Piano accompaniment is supplied and all who wish to stay are cordially invited to do so. Come one! Come all! Sing with your coffee and doughnuts!

Senate Votes \$7 Billion
Record Services Fund

Washington (AFPS) — In its final sessions before adjournment, the Senate passed and sent to the House a \$6,915,676,052 program for the Army, Air Force and related defense agencies.

The Army appropriation is \$5,924,365,052 to build up its ground fighting forces. The Air Force would receive \$904,811,000, with lesser sums apportioned among the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, and the National Security Resources Board.

The Senate previously completed action on a Navy appropriation bill of \$3,749,059,250, providing funds for maintenance and expansion. One of the Navy's projects for the coming year will be the building of a 65,000-ton aircraft carrier to cost \$127 million.

ON THE SPOT



SALLY CRAIG
Technician Fourth Grade

Next week T/4 Sally Craig of the Occupational Therapy photo lab will complete three years service in the WAC, and so far she has liked Army life so well that she intends to stay with it. She has been at Letterman since October, 1946. When she was first here she was assigned to duty in the clinical photo lab, but for some time now she has been in charge of the O. T. photo lab, where she works with the patients who are camera fans, and takes them on field trips to get those extra-special shots.

Sally's smile and her camera are well-known around Letterman. Many of the pictures used in the Fog Horn are her work, but she's especially pleased when pictures taken by the patients on her personally conducted field trips are used.

She is from Kansas, but was living in Tacoma, Washington, and working in a photographic studio there when she decided to join the WAC in 1945. She had basic training at Des Moines, and was then stationed in the photo lab there for six months. Another six months were spent at Fort Stevens, in Astoria, Oregon, after which she came to the Signal Corps laboratory at the Presidio. There she worked as projectionist at the Post Theatre, but after a short time she requested a transfer to Letterman.

Sally's work is her hobby, too, and she likes nothing better than a busman's holiday of taking unusual shots in her leisure time. Last Christmas her personal cards were illustrated with an excellent picture taken here on the post, showing the curving walk approaching the hospital, with the Administration Building and part of the Golden Gate Bridge in the background.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Marion Breach and her husband spent a recent week end at Russian River and the result is the beginning of a beautiful tan for Marion.

Alice Torgerson of Finance enjoyed swimming at San Rafael while Gil Grady definitely did not enjoy the rainy weather during a week end at Lake Tahoe.

Jeanne Struck of Sick and Wounded Office journeyed to Santa Barbara to attend her son's graduation and she will spend the remainder of her annual leave attending classes at Mills College.

Iris Becker, our hard-working janitress, will be leaving on a 60 day vacation and will be missed by all her friends. She will visit with relatives in Redding.

Emily Knepp of the Dental Branch gave the "New Look" to her car by bestowing a new paint job on it.

Ace Guth of Ward B-1 celebrated her birthday recently by taking a trip to Sacramento to visit her two grandchildren.

Lillian Jones of the Dental Branch had breakfast in her backyard recently—barbecued bacon and eggs and all the trimmings.

Myrtle "Wickie" Kirby has transferred from the Control Office to her old love, the Library while Mildred Bryan leaves the library to take up duties in Occupational Therapy.

Military Personnel received a letter from Ella Stallings, formerly of that office. Ella is now in Anchorage, Alaska and is still apartment hunting. Ella writes that Anchorage is a countrified community and also very dusty.

Among the new employees of Letterman this week are Margaret Finnigan, Katherine O'Shea, Olga Radich, and Mary Gill, all June graduates of St. Paul's School in San Francisco.

Also welcomed to Letterman are the following: Paul Schralter, Donald Keeler, Carol Dresselhaus, and Rose Wyman, who will work in the Laboratory Service, and Rita Sweig, Irving Kauffman, Mildred Quinn, and Herbert Dahlka.

Sergeant "Tex" from "Big D" (Dallas to those from smaller parts of the USA) had been sounding off. One of his listeners scoffed: "Do you mean to tell us that Texas has 365 days of sunshine per year.

"Yes," replied Tex, "and that's a conservative estimate."

LGH PATIENTS CALL MRS. OLGA SORICH "THE SMILING GRAY LADY"



Mrs. OLGA F. SORICH
Gray Lady Group Captain

One of the most beloved of the Gray Ladies who give their time in volunteer service at Letterman is Mrs. Olga Sorich, who has an impressive record of twelve years service in the Gray Lady Corps. She is one of the five group captains at Letterman, and she works on six of the hospital's wards—A-1, A-2, B-1, D-2, L-1 and M-2.

A Letterman patient, speaking of Mrs. Sorich the other day, said he couldn't begin to remember all the many things she had done to make his stay here a pleasant one, and many such tributes come her way. The patients refer to her as "The Smiling Gray Lady."

She first came to LGH in 1936, and later was a member of the first class of Gray Ladies to receive instruction here. During the war she did volunteer duty seven days a week. Besides her work at Letterman she worked at the Red Cross blood bank and also performed the duties of a nurse's aide. She wears

a ten-year service pin which represents more than 9000 hours of service. Since the war ended she has been coming to Letterman two and three days a week, and has been giving between 700 and 800 hours per year to this volunteer service.

"I feel that I take home more than I give," says Mrs. Sorich of her time at the hospital. She receives many letters from former LGH patients who remember her with gratitude.

Mrs. Sorich is a native of San Francisco and was educated in San Francisco schools. She now lives near the Presidio, and finds her major interest outside her home in her work here at the hospital. What with home duties and her work here, she has little leisure. "But when I do have a little time, I enjoy sewing," she says.

She takes a very personal interest in the patients and watches with affectionate interest their progress on the road back to health.



To Captain and Mrs. George Edward Ries, a boy, **Geoffrey Kurt**, born 11 June.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Charles Lewis Geraci, a girl, **Mary Elisa**, born 12 June.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Ben Thomas Brown, a boy, **Stephen Patrick**, born 12 June.

To Captain and Mrs. Philip Anson Finney, a girl, **Gail**, born 12 June.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Grady L. Simpson, Sr., a boy, **Grady La Verne, Jr.**, born 12 June.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Vincent P. Telles, a girl, **Mary Adele**, born 13 June.

To T/Sergeant and Mrs. Walter Mallon Godley, a boy, **Mallon Patrick**, born 13 June.

To Captain and Mrs. John H. Martin, a girl, **Kathryn Ann**, born 14 June.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. John P. Cook, a girl, **Carolyn Jo**, born 14 June.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Edward Cunningham, a girl, **Patricia Lynn**, born 14 June.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Edward A. Zimmerman, a girl, **Karen Sue**, born 14 June.

To Corporal and Mrs. Joseph Sweller, Jr., a boy, **Joseph Sweller, Jr.**, born 15 June.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Byard Bell, a girl, **Deborah**, born 15 June.

To Private and Mrs. Richard K. White, a girl, **Linda Kay**, born 15 June.

To Captain and Mrs. Thomas Francis Davis, Sr., a boy, **Thomas Francis, Jr.**, born 17 June.

To Corporal and Mrs. Frank Alfred Mitchell, Jr., a boy, **Frank Alfred III**, born 17 June.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Roy Lee James, a girl, **Patricia Lee**, born 17 June.

To Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Chas. B. Downer, a boy, **Daniel Bruce**, born 18 June.

The outfit's Izaak Walton was telling the dayroom crowd of his last fishing expedition and of the one that got away.

"It was fully that long," he asserted, spreading his hands far apart. "I never saw such a fish."

"Probably not," came a comment from one of his listeners.

MEDICAL DETACH

M/Sgt. George Barte of the Claims Office up and got himself "arrested" last week. It seems that George borrowed a certain person's garrison cap without the said person's consent and a few hours later found himself being marched toward the local Bastille by T/Sgt. "Duke" Stewart of the Letterman M. P. Detachment. Much to Barte's great relief it all turned out to be "framed up" job.

T/Sgt. Rudolph "Rugged Rudy" Schellhorn comes back from furlough and finds himself transferred to the E. E. N. T. Clinic after calling the K Wards "home" for over nine years.

At the time this column goes to press, Pfc. Michael O'Toole of the Physical Reconditioning Branch is still batting 1.000. "Mike" has been working at the Gynasium for three days and has fallen into the swimming pool three times, clothes and all.

T/Sgt. Donald Cole of the Physical Therapy Clinic should make a very good track man, because no one has ever been able to beat him for first place in the chow line. A good strong competitor and runner up, however, is T/3 Lawrence Riley of the Electro-Cardiograph Clinic.

M/Sgt. Albert Evans, the Letterman recruiting sergeant, says that despite the many recent discharges, he definitely knows of seven men who will be around for awhile and he is ready and willing for anyone else who wants to say "I do." Looks like a losing proposition, Al.

T/4 Okey Coleman of the Message Center has a worried look on his face these days. Okey has been overheard mumbling to himself by several Lettermanites. It sounded something like "breach of promise, breach of promise."

T/4 Edward "Garibaldi" Sans of Troop I & E Branch says that he has finally recovered from the "grooming" party which was held recently in the Carline Area barracks.

To say goodbye and good luck to a few more of the men who are leaving us this week: James Brace, Marion Zamarripa, Edward Lopez, Guy Burns, Vernie McGee, and Milton Hickman.

ON PROBLEMS OF CONTRACT BRIDGE, LEO KING KNOWS ALL THE ANSWERS



LEO M. KING

Valuable member of the clerical force in the Receiving Office

Leo M. King of the Receiving Office, who is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, is a very long way from home here in California, but he has now been here long enough to decide that this state is where he wants to continue to make his home. Even the happy memories he has of those famed New Orleans Mardi Gras celebrations are not enough to win him away from his adopted state.

He grew up in New Orleans, attended elementary and high school there, and took his degree at Xavier University in New Orleans. There he specialized in education, and following his graduation he taught at a New Orleans high school, Gilbert Academy, for two and a half years.

In 1941 Mr. King came to California. He decided to give up teaching, and turned to office work. He spent a year and a half as construction audit clerk with the United States Maritime Commission. During the war he was with

the Naval Supply Depot in Oakland, where, after a six-week training course, he was supervisor of the marking section for overseas shipments.

He came to Letterman over two years ago, in February 1946, and has been in the Receiving Office here ever since.

One of his principal duties is interviewing and admitting all veterans who come to the hospital as patients.

Mr. King played basketball when he was in school, and that sport is still one of his favorites. He is an ardent football fan, too, and says he just enjoys sports in general. But his major leisure time interest is bridge, and he is a member of not one but several bridge-playing groups. He is probably one of those enviable individuals who can work at a glance the contract bridge problems that appear in the newspapers, though he is reticent about his ability to cope with the intricacies of the game.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

With the advent of warm weather Tech. 5 Edward J. Ferguson has been noted hauling the hose about over the area. Ferguson is fighting the hot dry weather, and is trying to keep the grass and flowers green. So far he has managed to keep about even, but says a little rain would surely help the situation.

Personnel in building T-232 were greatly surprised to find Tech. 3 James J. Peyton, the Night Charge of Quarters around and about at 0930 hours the other morning. It was thought that by this hour of the morning Sgt. Peyton would be settled for his day of rest. "Would you mind unlocking this desk?" asked the Sergeant, as he walked in the office. This drew a blank questioning look from the Sergeant in the office, and upon noting this Sgt. Peyton then gave forth with these cryptic words, "I gotta find my teeth," but as Sgt. Peyton then displayed a more or less toothy grin the mystery deepened. However, when the desk was unlocked Peyton made a grab to open a drawer, he fished around therein for a few seconds and came up with a small partial denture, after which he gave a disgusted look about the room and so departed. MORAL: "The best place to keep the teeth is in the mouth."

Among those returning to the pitfalls of civilian life are, Sgt. James L. Johnson, Cpl. Lawrence T. Holmes, Cpl. Claude Corea, and Tech. 5 James Kehoe. Here is wishing all of you the best of luck in your new civilian status.

The U. S. A. Hospital Ship HOPE is expected to arrive in San Francisco soon after the first of July. This will mean that all divisions of the HTU Section, will soon become increasingly busy.

"Hilda, did you give the goldfish fresh water this morning?"

"No, mum. They haven't finished the water I gave them yesterday."

It was a rough go and 'Erbert, the pride of Limehouse, was taking a beating. 'Is manager was in a dither and kept repeating, "Avoid 'im, 'Erbert, avoid 'im!"

After four rounds of this 'Erbert painfully replied:

"Avoid 'im? To avoid 'im, I shall bloody well 'ave to leave England!"

Troop Information And Education

"Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave."—Lord Brougham.

Through our Troop Information and Education Office you can gain the necessary information to follow through your plans for education. Most high schools require sixteen units or their equivalent for graduation. Many schools offer various courses, such as college preparatory, academic, commercial, or vocational. The final decision on credit earned while in the service rests with the school concerned.

Frequently the serviceman definitely knows of one subject which his school requires and which he has not completed. For example most schools require a year of American History which is ordinarily taken in the junior or senior year. In such cases, the individual may enroll through USAFI in the needed course and earn recognition.

When a person attended school for only a short period, it is more difficult to make up the missing subjects. However, by conscientious work and a will to overcome the handicap it can be done. It is in this latter case that you need the guidance of a trained Educational Counselor. By consulting with him, your program may be so planned that you can garner many, perhaps all, prerequisites for a diploma or certificate while in the service.

Probably you will be advised to take the General Educational Development examinations, high school level. They are designed to measure the extent to which all past educational experience, including that gained in military service, has contributed to your general educational development.

The emphasis is placed on what you know and how you use it, upon the ability to comprehend exactly, to evaluate critically, and to think clearly. The high school battery is composed of five tests. They are: 1. Correctiveness and Effectiveness of Expression; 2. Interpretation of Reading Materials in the Social Sciences; 3. Interpretation of the Reading Materials in the Natural Sciences; 4. Interpretation of Literary Materials; and 5. General Mathematical Ability.

Upon the receipt of the official scores from USAFI Headquarters, the grades will be recorded both in your 201 File and on your Form 20.

In Peace, as in War . . . They Serve



When Columbia River flood waters rampaged through vast areas of Oregon and Washington in one of America's most devastating and tragic disasters, Army men were among the first to bring help and relief to the stricken areas. Gen. Mark Clark, Sixth Army Commander (left) and Col. Theron Weaver, Northwest Army Engineer, are shown studying a map in an Army Duck from which they directed the battle against one of nature's most destructive forces—flood.

MORE ABOUT NEW LGH FACILITIES

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he was with the 130th Station Hospital in Heidelberg for a brief time before returning to the United States in February 1946. He then spent several months at Percy Jones General Hospital taking a refresher course in Obstetrics and Gynecology. In August 1946 he came to Letterman, happy to return to San Francisco.

Colonel Boyd and his wife Ann have two daughters, Cynthia Ann, 10, and Merry Catherine, 8. His leisure diversions are practically nil, he says, due to lack of time. But if time did permit, he would indulge in some of his favorite pastimes, which include golf, tennis, swimming, fishing, hunting and photography. He observes regretfully that he has played golf only twice in the past six months, and that it took him six months to shoot 36 pictures.

The Medical Corps officers serving under Colonel Boyd are Lieut. Colonel Bronko P. Lelich, ward officer on ward 25, and Captain William C. Moore, assistant ward officer, 25.

There are three members on the attending staff of civilian consultants for the section. They are: Dr. Ludwig Emge, professor emeritus, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Stanford University; Dr. Paul Hoffmann, clinical professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Stanford University, and Dr. Edmund Anderson, clinical instructor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of California.

A staff of Army and civilian nurses serve on the wards of the section. Captain Areline Burkhead is in charge on ward 25; First Lieut. Emaline W. Hallett is chief nurse on ward N-1, and Captain Elizabeth N. Johnson is in charge at the Prenatal Clinic.

Just recently the section has lost the services of several nurses who are veterans of the Obstetrical Section. Some have already left, others will be going in the near future. Among these are First Lieut. Helen I. Beck, First Lieut. Susan C. Feaganes, and First Lieut. Betty J. Wipperfurth.

An efficient staff of WAC enlisted personnel and civilians are also assigned to the section.

Answering the Veterans' Queries

Veterans Administration has revised its appraisal procedure to provide VA regional offices with a firmer control over appraisals of reasonable value on home properties sold to veterans through G-I loans VA has announced.

The revised procedure, effective June 1, includes a new feature whereby the veteran who contemplates buying a home will be advised by the appraiser of any major deficiencies found to exist in the property.

Applicable in the case of all houses appraised as completed dwellings, as distinguished from housing built under VA or FHA inspection, the plan calls for direct assignment of appraisers by VA. Upon completion of the assignment, the appraiser will submit his report to VA, together with a letter addressed to the veteran concerned, outlining such major deficiencies as may have been observed by the appraiser. VA will forward this letter and a copy of the certificate of reasonable value to the veteran after review and approval of the appraisal report.

Veterans Administration, by administrative action, has increased the income limitations used in determining dependency of veterans' parents for compensation and pension purposes, VA has announced.

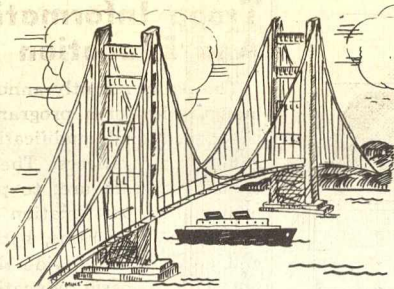
The new monthly amounts are \$80 for a mother or father (not living together), \$135 for both parents (living together), plus \$35 for each additional member of the family group. These amounts compare with the previous limitations of \$60, \$100 and \$25, respectively.

VA stressed that these limitations are not controlling in any case, but are used merely as prima facie evidence of dependency. Each claim for benefits is considered on its individual merits, and all pertinent factors are considered.

Exempt from consideration as income are benefits under laws administered by VA, including insurance proceeds, mustering-out pay, and 6 months death gratuity payments.

Question: My husband is receiving a Spanish War pension of \$90 monthly. We were married two years ago and I would like to know if I will receive a pension at his death.

Answer: No. Under existing law, you would not be eligible because your marriage took place after Dec. 31, 1937.



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Army Makes Public Plans for Taking In New Draftees

The army expects to induct between 225,000 and 250,000 youths of the nation by 30 June 1949, under the new peacetime draft, according to an announcement by the Secretary of the Army, Honorable Kenneth C. Royall, made to the press in Washington this week.

Inducts will probably start on a small scale about 22 September and increase to approximately 30,000 a month in October. The draftees, non-exempt young men 19 through 25 years of age, will serve for 21 months, and after eight weeks of basic training they may be stationed in this country or overseas.

Registration for the draft has been tentatively set to start on 16 August for young men from 19 to 25. Youths of 18 can escape the 21 months tour of service by volunteering for a year's training and enlisting for six years in the active reserves. The draft plan will call for the expansion of the army from 542,000 to 790,000 officers and men, and at the start probably will be limited to the Army because the Navy and Air Force are expected to fill their requirements through voluntary enlistments.

Mr. Royall stated the Army hopes to pick up more than 250,000 men through regular enlistments during the next year and another 110,000 volunteers from among the 18 year olds who wish to escape the draft.

A scarcity of doctors and dentists was cited by Mr. Royall as one of the most pressing problems facing the Army. He estimated that 6000 are needed and the plan is to appeal for volunteers. If this fails it may be necessary to call into service a substantial number of beneficiaries of the ASTP program.



WAC Officers Win Top Tennis Honors

Letterman points with pride this week to the two WAC officers who definitely exemplified the well-known truism, "winners take all," by bringing back five trophies with them from the Sixth Army championship tennis tournament held at Fort Ord.

First Lieut. Frances Harlee, Troop Information and Education officer, won three of the trophies; Captain Minnie Lee Young, acting chief of Personnel, won two. Lieut. Harlee and Captain Young won

first place in the women's doubles, for which they each received a trophy. Lieut. Harlee was first in the women's singles, defeating Captain Young in a hard-fought battle. Lieut. Harlee's third trophy is a handsome onyx desk pen given to the "Outstanding Player" in the tournament. This award was for excellent showing in tennis, plus good sportsmanship.

The Lettermanites defeated entries from the Presidio of San Francisco, Madigan General Hospital and McCornack General Hospital.

New Interns Here To Begin Year of Duty at Letterman

A group of twenty-one new interns arrived at Letterman this week to begin a year of active service. They are medical graduates, and have been commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in the grade of first lieutenant. Following their year of active duty they will be eligible for commissions in the Regular Army on certification of the commanding general.

The members of the new class of interns come from universities in 13 states, with 14 colleges represented. Those who began their year of internship on 1 July are:

First Lieutenants Grant E. Bare, University of California, Berkeley; William J. Belliveau, University of Indiana, Bloomington; Leland M. Bitner, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Robert F. Conway, University of Minnesota; Orin B. Elliott, Medical College of South Carolina, Columbia.

Floyd M. Estezs, University of California; Alvin H. Goff, Yale University; James W. Haynes, Ohio State University, Columbus; Charles L. Hedberg, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Harry G. Hightower, University of Oklahoma, Norman; Ervin A. Kjenass, University of Minnesota; James M. Lauderdale, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.; Raymond H. McCoy, University of Nebraska; Charles P. Montz, Iowa State University, Iowa City.

John H. Painter, St. Louis University; James Prest, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebr.; Robert K. Rawers, Ohio State University; John E. Scott, Wayne University, Detroit, Mich.; Richard L. Sedlacek, Iowa State University; James H. Sisson, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Service--and a Smile--With Your Gasoline at the PX



"TONY"

When, at the turn of the year, the Bay Area Exchange upped the price of gasoline four cents a gallon to bring it closer to parity to the outside service stations that action was not inclined to make friends and influence people and there could have been a reaction entirely otherwise were it not for the personality of the people who staff the Letterman service station.

The man who is probably best known to all patrons of that activity is Mr. Wiley Parker, a native of Monroe, Louisiana, who has been with the Post Exchange since 1941. He was advanced to station manager in 1943 but after the consolidation of the Letterman Exchange with other units which now form the Bay Area Exchange he was replaced as manager by Mr. Henry Schutt who came over from Fort Mason where he had been the manager for three years.

If you mention Mr. Parker's name in connection with the station you will invariably get a blank look but if you say something about "Wiley" your audience of one or one hundred is immediately aware of his identity.

Wiley maintains perennial good humor and when he addresses a male customer as "Boss" or a female patron as "Hon" it is just what all of us expect because we



"RICH"

feel we are well acquainted with Wiley and those terms of address are terms of affection and esteem, not familiarity. It is believed people no longer patronize our service station to save two cents on a gallon of gasoline but they come to hear Wiley's running commentary on the questions of the day, all expressed with that languid Louisiana inflection.

We should also mention Wiley's

you are not wary Tony will try to sell you a Studebaker in addition to the lubrication job on your car.

Another old-timer is Efton Ray Richardson, or just "Rich" to everyone, a native of Aurora, Missouri, who became acquainted at Letterman while serving a three year hitch in the Army Motor Pool here. He came back to us on receiving his discharge from the service and is now one of our top flight mech-



SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Wiley Parker, everybody's favorite, "fillin' her up" at the Letterman service station.

pre-eminence as a baseball fan. You know the word "fan" is an abbreviation for "fanatic" and Mr. Parker is just that for any ball team representing Letterman. He has frequently turned out to be a one man rooting squad for our side, and tho his enthusiasm mounts to a high degree he has yet to toss his first pop bottle at an umpire.

After Wiley, next in order of seniority is Anton J. Sterr, who answers readily to "Tony." He was a sergeant in the Army from 1942 to October 1945 when he became the chief mechanic in our setup. He was born in Medford, Wisconsin, but emigrated to Los Angeles and prior to the war operated a service station in that city. But Tony, like all people in that area, described it as a super service station. Now he is a resident of the Sunset district of San Francisco and proud owner of the "best" car on the market today—a Studebaker—and if

anics. He does an excellent job with a spray gun, too, but it is wise to keep out of range when he is working with that gadget.

The man who really gets "down and under" in the pits is "Jim" Potts, formerly of Webb City, Missouri. He spends his days with the grease gun working on the cars and comes up only for lunch and when the quitting whistle sounds. His official title is mechanic's helper, but he knows a lot about motors and mostly acquired in the Ordnance branch of the army while spending 18 months in Africa and 12 months in France with the fighting forces. Jim got to be a "T/4" before leaving the army to join the gang here.

"Hang"—the Boss man—or Mr. Henry L. Schutt in private life, is really a super salesman and his specialty is oil. In his book everyone needs oil and he proceeds to fill that need. Could be a mere co-

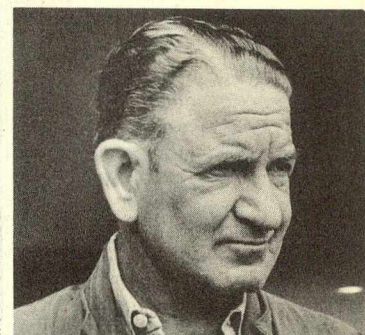


"HANK"

incidence but every time we drive into the station and "Hank" walks out to wait on us we need oil. We are not inferring that he surreptitiously removes the plug from the bottom of the crank case but he does sell a lot of oil. He is at his best when his pipe is going and the stem drawing well. He is not averse to sitting in the swivel chair and elevating his feet to the desk when business is light. "Hank," in repose, is a picture.

The last man to join the staff is Max Rohwer, a former sergeant and long time Letterman patient while recuperating from war wounds. Max is the man on the wash rack and deserves a story all to himself. He will get it in an early issue of this paper.

The business done by the Letterman station is a district convenience to our people. An average of 200 cars are serviced each month with lubrication and oil change jobs as well as minor repairs. While no figures are announced it is a safe assumption that some 30,000 gallons of gasoline are handled by the pumps each month, but the biggest asset is the uniform courtesy of the staff and a constant display of gracious personality in their dealings with the patrons. It might even be safe to say the activity is a money maker.



"JIM"

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



INTERNSHIP COMPLETED

Last Friday, Brigadier General Dean F. Winn presented certificates to seven Medical Corps officers who have just completed a year as interns at LGH. L to R: General Winn, First Lieuts. Chas. F. Moller, David C. Kellsey, Edward S. Brezina, David H. Wilson, Ernest F. Adams, Raymond W. Blohm, Jr., Daniel C. Wilkerson.



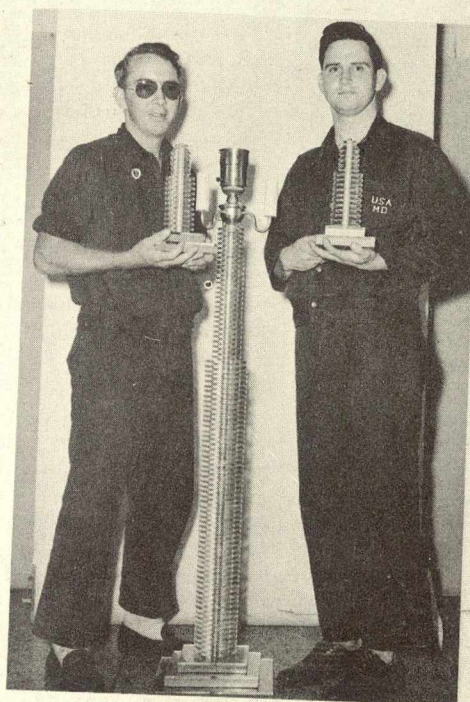
LOOKING OVER THE STAMP EXHIBIT

At the Red Cross tea last week. L to R: Mrs. Bruce Starr, chairman volunteer services, San Francisco chapter; Mrs. William Gray, chairman of Gray Ladies at LGH; Oren J. Nash, patient on ward 31, stamp club member; Mrs. Joe Hume Gardner of ARC national headquarters, who is in charge of all volunteer services.



TOPS IN TENNIS

Brigadier General Dean F. Winn congratulates Letterman WAC officers on the tennis honors they won in the Sixth Army Championship tournament last week at Fort Ord. First Lieut. Frances Harlee is holding the trophy she received as winner of the singles contest, which she defeated Capt. Minnie Young (right). In the doubles contest, the team of Harlee and Young carried off the trophy.



TRIO OF LAMPS

Made in the Letterman Occupational Therapy Shop by Pfc. J. C. Penn (left) and Sgt. Thomas Michael, both patients on ward 2. The lamps are made of plastic and mahogany, and the floor lamp contains 192 pieces of plastic. The set took 156 hours to complete.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THE NEW ARMY

The Honorable Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, in an address to members of the press this week in Washington, stated the basis for the training of the new army.

"Principles learned in World War II and developed at the Universal Military Training Experimental Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky, have been incorporated into basic and advanced training. These principles lie in the field of leadership and discipline. Leadership in our army is based upon better understanding of basic human relations, a development of mutual respect and trust between the leader and the soldier who performs the many and varied tasks of the army. Our concept of discipline is based upon the willing obedience of the informed soldier who, acting with his comrades, accomplishes his tasks because of his intelligent understanding of their necessity rather than through external compulsion or fear. The objective of the training will be to produce a well-coordinated, physically conditioned, mentally alert, thoroughly trained soldier, capable of efficiently performing any task to which he may be assigned.

In order to develop the individual as a soldier and as a citizen it is essential that he be given the maximum amount of personal liberty consistent with the proper performance



Welcome to two newcomers to the Army Nurse Corps staff—First Lieut. **Lena J. Cricco**, who recently returned from overseas duty in Japan, and First Lieut. **Minerva P. King**, back from duty in Germany.

Income among the ANCs balances outgo this week, with three nurses returning to civilian life, but one coming back to Letterman as a civilian nurse, which evens the score. First Lieuts. **Ann W. Soper** and **Betty J. Wipperfurth** are leaving LGH for good, but First Lieut. **Lorraine E. Greenough** will be back sans Army uniform.

A strained back was no handicap to First Lieut. **Betty Miller** in the softball game the Letterman team won from San Rafael Girl's team Tuesday, 11-2. Betty hit a home run, strained back notwithstanding.

First Lieut. **Catherine C. Bjorklund**, ANC, is enjoying the care-free life at Hoberg's resort in Lake county during a 16-day leave.

The sympathy of her Letterman friends goes to First Lieut. **Gloria E. Saffield**, ANC, who is on emergency leave due to a death in her family. She flew to Bellaire, Ohio, for the funeral.

First Lieut. **Elsie Ehman**, ANC, left this week for 21 days' leave, which she is spending with her mother in Lodi.

It seems that as far as feminine members are concerned, the forthcoming Letterman swimming meet will be without same. First Lieut. **Betty Hearne** of Physical Therapy was the only girl who turned out to train for the meet, which would have resulted in the impossible situation of a one-woman swim meet.

of his duty. His training will seek to promote his individual initiative and resourcefulness, and it is our intention that these qualities not be handicapped or restricted by harsh or unnecessary discipline."

The new army will be an informed army.

WAC

Captain **Margaret N. Lassiter** has returned from a 30 day leave spent in the east to find herself with a new assignment as assistant to the Custodian of the Hospital Fund. The captain was in Washington when the WAC bill was approved by Congress and let her tell you about the informal celebrations in WAC circles in the Pentagon.

The WAC detachment said farewell to 18 members on the last day of June and will repeat the adios for nine more by 10 July to leave but 40 in the organization after that date.

Among the other members of the WAC detachment who are returning to civilian life this week are M/Sgt. **Stella Wilson**, T/3 **Mary Hark**, T/3 **Helen Walker**, T/3 **Jeannette Peterson**, S/Sgt. **Silvia Winer**, S/Sgt. **Elsie Paulson**, Sgt. **Martha Shortle**, Sgt. **Dorothy Koogan**, Sgt. **Lucy Sellers** and T/5 **Marie Paradis**.

M/Sgt. **Eileen Venters** and T/3 **Chris McConnell** are both patients at present, but their friends are hoping their stay in the hospital (as patients, that is) will be short.

T/5 **Helen "Tiny" Brost**, who left last week when she became a civilian, will be missed a lot in sports activities. She was active on most of the sports teams here while she was at Letterman.

T/3 **Ella Dodson** has been enjoying a visit from her sister and brother-in-law, who were here from Pennsylvania. The trio did a flock of sightseeing in and around San Francisco.

T/3 **May Magrath** left Monday for her new duty station at Walter Reed Hospital. She is specially pleased about her assignment there, since her brother, who is also in the Army, is stationed in Washington, D. C.

Report says that the picnic held by the Medical Detachment Sunday at Boyes Springs was a big success, with extra good picnic food, such as chicken and trimmings on the menu. Among the WACs who attended were Captain **Charlotte Woodworth**, M/Sgt. **Opal Glenn**, M/Sgt. **Stella Wilson**, Sgt. **Oliver Badger**, T/4 **Fay Lavagnino**, T/4 **Bessie Jeffries**, T/Sgt. **Margaret Drescher**, T/4 **Ann Drasher**, T/3 **Lee Witkowski**, and T/5 **Emma Ghormley**.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, 4 July, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Brig. Gen. Winn Gives Certificates To Medical Interns

Brigadier General **Dean F. Winn** presented certificates last Friday to the seven Medical Corps interns who have just completed a year of duty at Letterman. Those who received the certificates are: First Lieutenants **Charles F. Moller**, **David C. Kellsey**, **Edward S. Brezina**, **David H. Wilson**, **Ernest F. Adams**, **Raymond W. Blohm, Jr.**, and **Daniel C. Wilkerson**. (Picture on page 3.)

All members of the group have applied for commission in the Regular Army Medical Corps, and all have been accepted for residency training as of 1 July 1948.

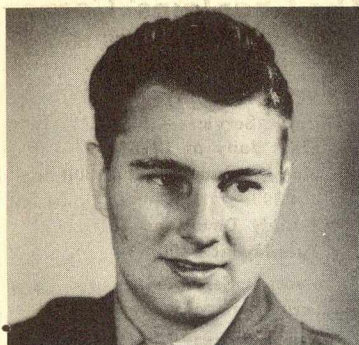
First Lieuts. **Wilson** and **Adams** will remain at Letterman as assistant residents. Three of the officers will be assistant residents at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado. First Lieut. **Moller** has been assigned to Anesthesiology there; First Lieuts. **Kellsey** and **Wilkerson** to General Surgery.

First Lieut. **Brezina** goes to Madigan General Hospital, Pasadena, California, as resident in Clinical Medicine, and First Lieut. **Blohm** will be assistant resident in Internal Medicine at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.

Library

Do you have itchy feet that want to take you traveling the highways of America? You can do it vicariously, and learn the history of our modern arteries of commerce, in the new book "The National Road," by **Philip D. Jordan**. The story covers almost two centuries of road building. In the Library.

ON THE SPOT



JAMES E. BEAVERS
Technician Fifth Grade

T/5 James E. Beavers, Wardmaster of Ward E-1, could be called a first class "Letterman Man" because with the exception of basic training, his entire army career has been spent here.

Jimmy, as he is known around Letterman, first entered the service on the 13th of January, 1947 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He immediately went to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he took his "basic" at the 2nd Division Infantry Replacement Training Center.

After eight weeks of this "Dough-boy" training, Jimmy came to Letterman in March of 1947. He was assigned to Ward E-1 as a ward attendant and liked the ward so well that he decided to stick around for awhile and consequently is still there.

Jimmy was promoted to Private First Class in June, 1947 and to Technician Fifth Grade in October. He was advanced to his present position of Wardmaster last December. Since Jimmy assumed this position the ward has received nothing less than excellent or superior inspection ratings.

Jimmy was born in Dallas, South Dakota, and attended school there. He worked on his father's farm while attending school. He likes sports of all kinds, especially baseball.

Jimmy plans to return to school when he says fond "adieu" to the army. Since farming is his first love he intends to major in agriculture.

Uniformed bystander: "My good man, I am not a doorman I am a Naval officer."

Drunk: "All right, then call me a boat. I gotta get home tonight."

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Captain William R. Moody has obtained his release from Ward L-1 to return to sea with the Army Transport service after a month in the role of patient.

Colonel Herbert C. Gibner, retired, has joined the group of patients on the same ward.

Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, beloved former commanding general, is making favorable progress on Ward A-1 after his recent operation.

All of the patients who attended the quiz show last Tuesday (there were a lot of them due to the fact that it was so close to payday) were put into a very gay mood due to the "carrying-on" of Dale Wights, who was Quiz Master for the day. It seemed as though any subject requested was within the realm of Dale's "I don't know anything about that." Pvt. James Dempsey, of ward 31, was almost stumped by the age-old gag-question "What percentage of married people are men?" Pvt. Albert J. Goodrich of ward 11 failed to win a silver dollar because when asked how many squares a checker board consisted of, he said sixty-four, failing to take into account the fact that the board in itself was a square. However, all in all, several patients won "haircuts and cigarette money."

Pfc. Pat Martin of ward 2, had a very wonderful time over the past week. He spent a ten day leave at the cabin of some friends at Lake Tahoe, California. "Pat" says that the next time he goes to Lake Tahoe he is going to take a large supply of Suntan Lotion.

T/5 Ralph A. Johnson of ward 3 was in a very happy mood over the weekend. All his friends on the ward are curious as to the reason.

M/Sgt. Thomas Hall, who is on ward 29, decided that since he is to retire very shortly he would like to go to The University of Florida. So in the course of one month he completed tests which give a background equivalent to one year in college, forming the necessary foundation for attendance at the University. Anyone who is interested in gaining a high school diploma or education credits can get information regarding these in the Troop I & E office in building 1039.

The Letterman Chess Club is inaugurating a series of classes for beginners who are interested in learning the intricacies of the game of chess. The Gray Ladies have sign-up slips for those who are interested. According to Mill Hendrix, the club co-ordinator, the slips may also be obtained from the Chess Club President, Pfc. Elvin Combs, who is a patient on ward B-2. The instruction will be provided by members of the Mechanics Institute Chess Club. One of the members of the Institute who will give chess lessons learned the game himself while he was attached to an Army Hospital as a patient.

Pfc. Jesse R. Tollson of ward F-2 was very much surprised to say the least, when while clearing out the back seat of his "automobile" he found the wristwatch which he has not been able to find for almost six months.

Sgt. Albert Tomas of ward E-2, has been taking a great deal of ribbing lately due to the fact that he has been cultivating a "Hollywood" style haircut. He finally decided that he did not want to be ribbed any longer so—you will now find that most of his hair has been cut off, leaving a very fine crew-cut.

Gone

Taking example from the Arab who folded his tent and silently stole away, Colonel William S. George, MC, assistant Chief of the Medical Service, very quietly took his departure from Letterman last week en route to his new station in the ETO.

The Cadillac went with him but his horse is still at large on a nearby military reservation and will be sold if someone can get a rope around the neck of the animal and hold him long enough to complete the transaction.

Query

The parents of First Sergeant Omer S. Byers, Co. "L," 7th Inf., 3rd Division, 5th Army, who died of wounds received in the Anzio-Rome campaign, would appreciate hearing from any of our patients who knew their son. The Chaplain has the address of Mr. and Mrs. Byers.

WAC OF THE WEEK



PAULINE D. SMITH
Technician Fourth Grade

On 6 June Tec 4 Pauline D. Smith celebrated her third anniversary as a member of the Women's Army Corps. And so with this time behind her, Smitty, as she is called by her "buddies," has decided to stay for at least one more year.

Before she was eligible to join the WAC, she worked at a Bethlehem Steel plant in Pennsylvania as a shell inspector. The state of Pennsylvania is Smitty's home. She was born, raised and educated there.

Upon entering the service Sergeant Smith received her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. While there she attended a food school. Since that time all of her jobs have been connected with food and dietetics.

Smitty's first assignment was at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri. She stayed there but a few months. Then she was moved to Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan. This post was "heaven on earth" to Smitty. She raves and raves about it. During the eighteen months at "P. J." she never tired of her job, and in fact she wouldn't mind a return engagement.

In January of 1948 she was transferred to Letterman. Currently she is working in the Dietetics Office performing a variety of clerical duties. All of her spare time is parcelled between movies, popular music, and "just plain conversation." Smitty says she would rather participate in a discussion than eat.

Old Salt: "And I know one place where women seldom wear anything except a necklace once in a while."

Recruit: "Gosh! Where's that, Chief?"

Old Salt: "Around their necks."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Charles McAvoy turned out to be the "forgotten man" when the reporter was taking notes for the PX Service Station story in this issue. Charlie is a man of all work down there and really a very valuable asset.

Lillian Jones, Dental Clinic, bemoans the fact that everytime she meets "Jerry," the Foghorn mascot, she is greeted with growls and barks, but she says she is still willing to be friends.

Virginia De Trana of Out-Patient Service left last week for a month's vacation in Alaska. She flew to Seattle and there met the friend from Chicago who is making the trip to Alaska with her. The two girls plan to go first to Anchorage, and will then go as far north as Fairbanks.

A newcomer to Military Personnel is Bonnie Hayes and we bid her welcome. Bonnie is the daughter of WAC 1st Lieut. Frances Hayes, who is, at present, a patient at Letterman.

Stella Zumwalt, Adjutant's Office, is back at her desk after three weeks vacation and Gloria Crisafulli, Military Personnel, returned from Yosemite with a beautiful tan.

George Faulkner, Finance, is going to Carmel-by-the-Sea to bask in the sun for a few weeks.

Margret Trumpour, Finance, celebrated a birthday recently and among her many gifts she received a portable radio from a secret admirer—secret to everyone but Margret, that is.

Virginia Smith, formerly of Military Personnel, has written from Salt Lake City that she expects to return to San Francisco soon prior to her departure for Hawaii.

Three members of the Sick & Wounded Office plan short trips over the week end. Frances Ahrens and family will visit on the Ann Kuhn ranch in Turlock. Ann was a former employee in the Sick & Wounded Office. Jeanette Gardiner will drive to Carmel while Louise Smith joins her family for a visit to Russian River.

June Grumstrup of Military Personnel returned to her desk last week after a week at Yosemite, looking as fresh as though she hadn't followed up the Yosemite activities by spending most of Sunday bicycling through Golden Gate Park.

IF IT'S JEWELRY YOU WANT, SEE JEANNE, IN LETTERMAN'S MAIN PX



MRS. JEANNE SCHWAB
She's an amateur radio fan, too

It's especially nice to talk with someone who tells you that she has a very happy life, and it's rare to hear such a statement in these days of high-pressure living. But that's how it is with Mrs. Jeanne Schwab, who brightens the jewelry counter in Letterman's Main PX with her gay smile. She began work in that department just this week. Until then she had been working in various sections of the store, which gave her a knowledge of all the merchandise sold in the PX.

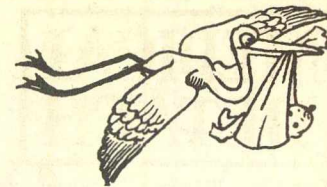
Jeanne was born in Wolbach, Nebraska, but she regards nearby Fullerton as her home town, since she grew up and went to high school there. She attended Kearney State Normal College with the idea of teaching, but she changed her mind "at the last minute," and went to the Standard Beauticians College. Later she had her own beauty shop in Fullerton. In one shop where she worked before she had her own business, the owner asked her to say that her hairdo was the result of a permanent wave. But that crown of blonde curls is natural, and goes

its wavy way without benefit of permanent.

She is the wife of Don Schwab, chief engineer of Letterman's radio station KLGH, and when the Schwabs first came to California in April, 1946, Jeanne worked for a time in a real estate office here in San Francisco. She also worked for a short time in the beauty shop at the Presidio.

She came to Letterman last September and was first in the East Hospital PX, later coming to the Main PX and her present job. In her leisure time Jeanne likes to "tinker with other people's hairdos" and play tennis. She has studied radio and enjoys talking with radio hams via her husband's amateur radio station.

The Schwabs returned recently from a three-week leave, which they spent on a trip back to their home in Fullerton, Nebraska. What made the trip particularly enjoyable was their new Fraser. "It really acted like a speed demon," says Jeanne.



To Pvt. and Mrs. Virgil D. Thompson, a girl, Sharon Anne, born 18 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Halgar Hartquist, a boy, Peter Gary, born 19 June.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Fred H. Krieg, Jr., a boy, Robert Edward, born 19 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edward D. Hagerty, a girl, Diana Gaile, born 19 June.

To Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Seaborn H. Mosley, twin girls, Sharon Little and Suzan Kemp, born 19 June.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Robert Lee Hodges, Sr., twin boys, Robert Lee, Jr., and Albert James, born 20 June.

To Capt. and Mrs. Frank H. Owen, a girl, Shirley Anne, born 20 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur A. McDougal, a girl, Marylois Henrietta, born 20 June.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. George F. Magonigal, a boy, Robert Newton, born 20 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Higino J. Gallegos, a girl, June, born 20 June.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Alfred N. Butts, a boy, Michael Allen, born 20 June.

To Capt and Mrs. John C. Reidenbach, a girl, Patricia Elizabeth, born 21 June.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. William E. Bifford, a girl, Lynette Alice, born 21 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Lawrence W. O'Malley, a boy Michael Eugene, born 21 June.

To Cpl. and Mrs. John C. Spivey, a girl, Janice Marie, born 21 June.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Gordon M. Garnett, a girl, Barbara Jeanne, born 21 June.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Tenneson L. Dunton, a girl, Ruth Anne, born 22 June.

To Colonel and Mrs. Harry C. Luck, a boy, Harry Clare, born 22 June.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Frank Cooper, a girl, Jessica Ann, born 22 June.

To Major and Mrs. Jack Londy Bailey, Sr., a boy, Jack Londy Jr., born 23 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Accl V. Brown, a boy, Michael Alan, born 23 June.

MEDICAL DETACH

Sergeant Woodrow Wilson of Military Personnel Branch had the unusual pleasure last week of actually writing out orders for his wife, Master Sergeant Stella Wilson. Stella is saying goodbye this week to the WAC Detachment, and Woodrow happily prepared the last endorsement on her discharge. He says he resisted the temptation to change the date, though he would have liked to make it earlier than the 28th of June.

Sergeant George Adams of Troop I & E Branch claims that the "bucket of bolts" he calls an automobile will do 75 miles per hour with ease. Wonder if he ever heard of disintegration.

Corporal Roland Harlow, recently discharged, and Pfc. William Maxwell of Physical Reconditioning Branch are still getting publicity from their recent 6th Army track meet triumphs. Roland and Bill both made the recent edition of the Western Star, pictures and all.

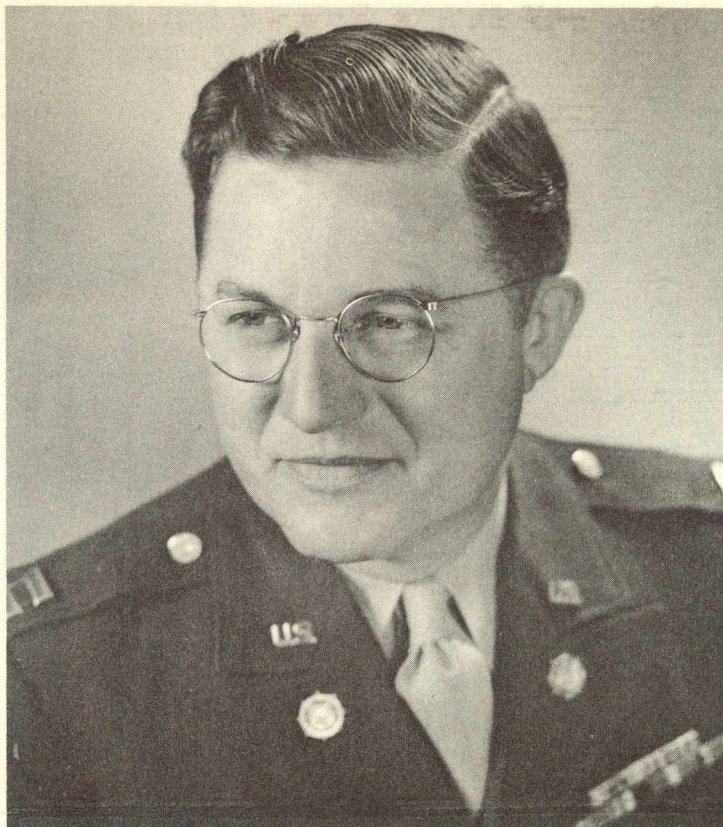
That red blur that you can see "flitting" around Letterman is not a recurrence of the flying saucers. It is only T/Sgt. Clarence Carrick of the Clinical Records Section and his red Fleetline "Chevvy" returned from a 30 day furlough to Shelbyville, Tennessee.

They still go and they still arrive here at Letterman. To name a few who are going this week: Derwin A. Cohrs, Avery King, Howard Ballah, Paul Pollock, Albert Brunson, Donald Cunningham and George Weaver.

M/Sgt. Percy Carnes of the Registrar's Office, who has been a patient for quite some time on Ward N-2, says that he is now ready to buy a barrel of big black cigars and go on a long convalescent furlough.

Side pocket shots: Congrats to Theodore J. Domineczyk of the X-Ray Clinic on his recent promotion to T/5. Welcome to: S/Sgt. Vernon Chastine, S/Sgt. David McGee, Sgt. Miguel Deleon, T/4 Mauro Serafica and T/4 Ernest Walters, all of whom were transferred to Letterman from Fort Ord on 29 June.

BEFORE TOO LONG THE FORMER CAPTAIN VOGT WILL BE DR. VOGT



Captain ERIC A. VOGT, TC
Long-time Letterman patient who left this week

Captain Eric Vogt, Transportation Corps, who has been a Letterman patient since November, 1945, with the exception of a six-month tour of limited duty at Fort Mason, is celebrating the end of the fiscal year by returning to civilian life. This week he happily told his friends "After Wednesday you can call me Mister."

He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., but grew up and received his education in various states due to the fact that his father was a hotel man whose business took him to a number of cities throughout the United States. Captain Vogt sampled schools in New York, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Illinois, Wyoming and California. His home has been in California for the past 18 years. Before he came into the Army he had his own business management service for doctors.

In July, 1942, he enlisted in Los Angeles, went to Camp Roberts for basic training and subsequently to Fort Benning to OCS Infantry school. He was commissioned in March,

1943. After a short tour of duty at Camp Walters, Texas, he came to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, where he was manifest officer. In July, 1944, he left for Honolulu. He was in both the Leyte and Okinawa beach landings, and was wounded at Okinawa in April, 1945. After hospitalization in Guam and Honolulu he was sent to Letterman.

Now that he is getting out of the Army, Captain Vogt plans to go back to school and study medicine. He will attend the Stanford School of Medicine when he has completed his pre-med work. "I don't intend to specialize, I just want to be a general practitioner in a small town," he says.

His major hobby is photography, and he has had pictures hung in several salons. Last year he won a handsome watch as a prize in the Sixth Army photographic contest.

Wedding bells are in the offing for Captain Vogt. He and Miss Elizabeth "Lil" Cooper, former Occupational Therapist here at Letterman,

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

T/4 Reginald D. Johnson is considering making a try for OCS. At present he is busy getting the qualifications (papers) prepared. Here are our best wishes for his success.

Tech. Sgt. Harry Parsons has been very busy moving this past week. Medical Supply, HTU, is in the process of consolidation and is moving up to Area A.

It is said that there is a bright side to everything, but if you want to hear the worst, it is suggested that Sgt. Donald W. Chah, otherwise known as "The Prophet of Doom" be contacted. With the atomic bomb and things going to pot in general, the Prophet of Doom is right in there pitching with his awful predictions. Sometimes the Sergeant says he even scares himself, as he almost believes his own predictions.

Congratulations to the following men: Boyd Patterson and Bobby Sullivan, who have been promoted T/5; and also to Robert B. Bowman, who has been promoted to Corporal.

Tech. Sgt. James F. Kane has been detailed to accompany a patient to V. A. Hospital in Northport, Long Island. Sgt. Kane has a 20 day delay enroute and will be able to visit his family for a few days on his return journey.

Talk has it that Tech. Sgt. Melvin C. Drascher is definitely not looking forward to his tour of duty as night Charge of Quarters. Seems that the Sergeant is in the midst of moving and painting.

Sgt. William H. Jordan and T/5 Bobby C. Sullivan have been detailed to accompany a patient to Louisiana. Both men will be able to take a few days delay and may visit the folks at home.

Each morning 1st Sgt. Tea Garland looks hopefully at all copies of orders. The reason is replacement. HTU has lost a number of men in the past few weeks, and, according to the first soldier, necessary replacements are at present a scarce article.

are making plans to be married next January. Miss Cooper is now an assistant buyer at the Emporium. Their Letterman friends extend best wishes to the future "Dr. and Mrs. Vogt."

Answering the Veterans' Queries

The fall enrollment at California universities and colleges will probably show a slight decrease in the overall number of veterans seeking admission to the schools, Veterans Administration officials believe.

Last fall the enrollment of veterans in VA Branch 12 area schools (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) reached a record high of 169,000.

VA officials believe that the decrease will be reflected in the number of veterans seeking admission to junior colleges. Veteran enrollment at junior colleges may fall off as much as 25 percent in some cases, VA officials report.

No decrease is anticipated in the number of veterans seeking admission to the larger schools, such as the University of California, Stanford and University of Southern California.

A survey of the larger schools this spring revealed that the largest number of veterans were in the sophomore year and the second largest in the freshman year.

In addition, many veteran graduates of junior colleges are expected to seek admission to the larger schools this fall.

The large schools also expect a great many veterans to remain for graduate work. At Stanford and the University of California, three-fourths of the graduate students are veterans.

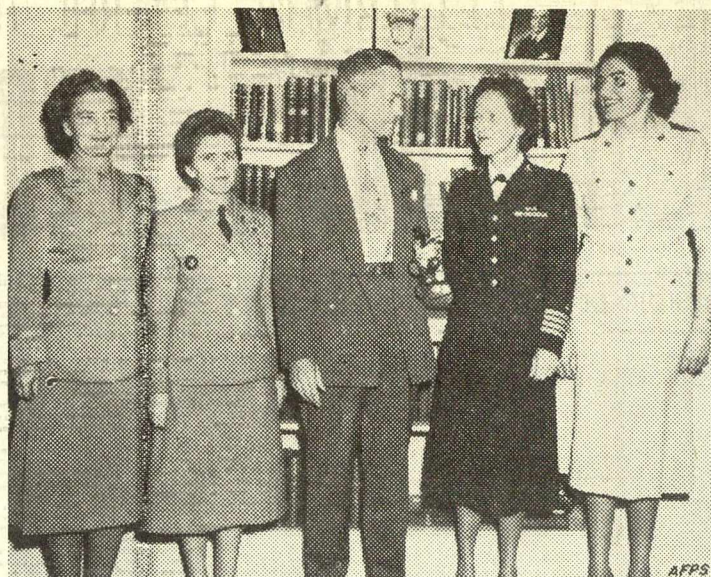
A survey made last fall on the Berkeley campus of the University of California revealed that many California resident veterans intended to continue in graduate work with the aid of state funds after their G-I benefits expired.

VA officials advise veterans planning to attend schools next fall to make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible. If the veteran needs a certificate of eligibility he is urged to secure it at the nearest VA regional office immediately.

Question: I am going to school under the educational provisions of the G-I Bill and would like to know whether I have to get prior approval from VA if I wish to change my course?

Answer: If you are studying in a public high school or college you no longer will need prior approval from VA before changing your course.

The Ladies Now Are 'Regulars'



Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal congratulates the Directors of the four Women's Services following the President's signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948. Heretofore, they have functioned on a temporary or Reserve basis, but the present Act makes them a part of the Regulars. Shown left to right: Col. Geraldine P. May, Director of the Wafs; Col. Mary A. Hallaren, Director of the Wacs; Mr. Forrestal, Capt. Joy Bright Hancock, Director of the Waves, and Maj. Julia E. Hamblet, Director of the Women Marines.

Report From Washington

By Armed Forces Press Service

Passage of the draft in the final sessions of the 80th Congress means that 20,000 additional Reserve officers will be called for extended active Army duty appointments. They will be mostly of company grade and combat arms, with a few from the service arms.

Secretary Forrestal's Civilian Advisory Commission on Service Pay and the Committee on Civilian Components, (Gray Board) are holding joint conferences to iron out differences before submitting their final reports. The report of the Commission on Service Pay is now being written in final form. The other group is reported to have completed its report, dealing with pay, benefits and allowances for civilian components.

The Army has initiated a staff study for a definite policy governing promotion of Reserve officers

on active duty. With expansion of the Military Establishment, several thousand Reserve officers probably will remain on active duty for many years. The Army desires a clear-cut and equitable promotion policy for them.

The cocked hat, frock coat, elaborate epaulets, full dress trousers, dress white trousers and boat cloak of the traditional Navy dress uniform is storage bound. The Navy has not reached a final decision on the design for the dress uniform of the future.

The Navy has announced changes in the boundaries of Naval Districts, to make them conform more closely to the Army's area commands. After September 1, there will be 10 Naval Districts within the continental limits and four outside them. Numerical designations will remain unchanged for the remaining Districts.

Happy Birthday to Lieutenant Harllee

A surprise birthday party was given for First Lieut. Frances Harllee, Troop Information and Education officer, at lunchtime on Wednesday in the I & E office. In honor

of Lieut. Harllee's recent tennis triumphs, the birthday cake was decorated with a tennis racket and the words "Happy Birthday, the Winn-ah!" Among the gifts the guest

Troop Information And Education

The Army recently announced the inauguration of a program to raise the educational qualification of Regular Army officers. The purposes of this program are: to prepare an officer for participation in other educational programs, both military and civilian; to provide these officers with a basic education which will constitute a more firm foundation that will assure efficient performance of assigned duties; to assist in attaining an educational level of two years of college.

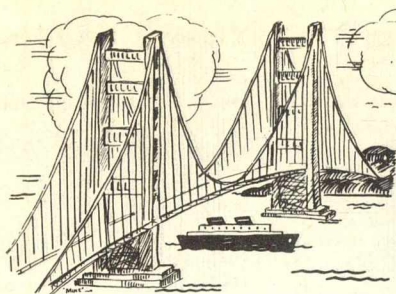
Department of the Army Circular 146, dated 20 May 1948, outlines the basic procedures for Regular Army officers to obtain credit through a cooperative General Culture Test similar to the General Educational Development tests. Six topics will be covered: current social problems; history; literature; science; fine arts and mathematics (up to calculus). The following statement in the circular seems to be the main impetus: "Accordingly, the ultimate objective of the program is the attainment of academic degrees by greater numbers of RA officers through utilization of available educational facilities."

Handsome Lamps

Three handsome plastic and mahogany lamps have recently been completed in the Occupational Therapy Shop here by Sgt. Thomas Michael of Atlanta, Georgia, and Pfc. J. C. Penn of Devine, Texas. Both are patients on ward 2, and 156 hours of their time (78 hours per man) went into making the matched table lamps and the floor lamp. The group is intended as a fifth wedding anniversary gift for Sergeant Michael's wife, and since the fifth is the wooden anniversary, the gift is eminently suitable for the occasion.

Pfc. Penn has made two similar sets, one for his mother and another for a wedding present for his brother. He designed the lamps, but the work has been a co-operative Penn-Michael project. Thirty-eight pieces of plastic were used in each of the table lamps; 192 pieces in the floor lamp. (Picture on page 3.)

of honor received was a musical cigarette box from Switzerland, a gift from a former Lettermanite who is now overseas—Captain Alice Dahnke.



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Thirty Residents Assigned for Training at LGH

Thirty new residents, assigned to Letterman for training beginning 1 July, arrived here last week for duty. Another group will be assigned here on 1 January 1949.

The post-graduate professional educational program which began at LGH on 1 January 1947 has received favorable recognition from the American Medical Association and many of the specialty boards during the past year. In addition to the excellent training program which it provides for the doctors who participate in the program, it is an incentive for civilian doctors who desire additional training to apply for commission in the Regular Army.

Letterman has now expanded its teaching facilities so that during the new fiscal year there will be 75 residents in training here, where last year there were but 48. There will also be an additional number of internes this year. Last year there were eight; this year there will be 21.

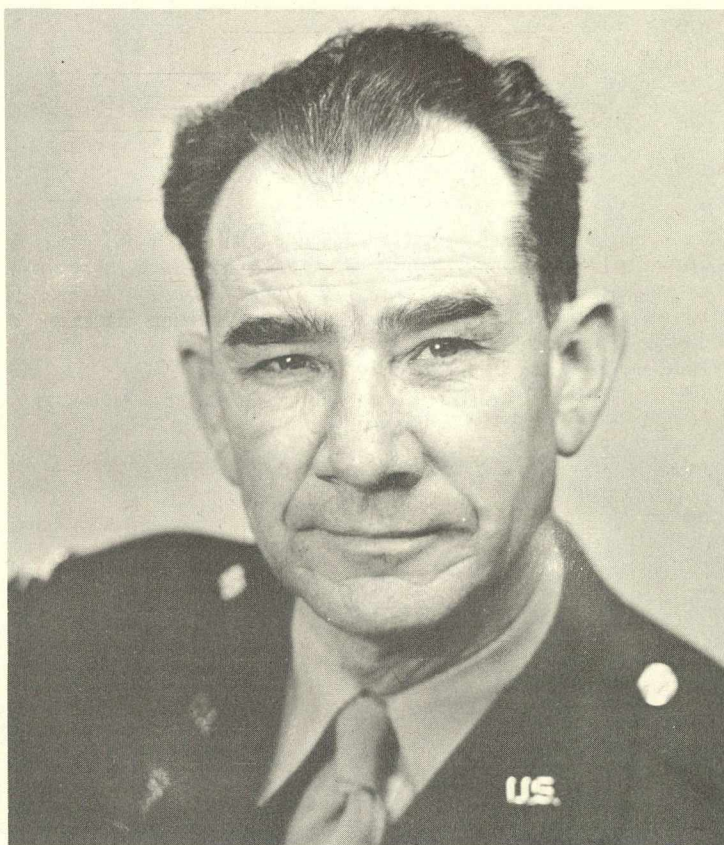
It is the intention of The Surgeon General that teaching hospitals such as Letterman will be staffed principally with residents and interns, and that only a minimum number of assigned Medical Corps officers will be retained. The assigned staff will consist principally of the chiefs of the services and their assistants. These officers, in addition to their regular duties, will conduct the teaching program for residents and interns.

Names and assignments of the 30 new residents and assistant residents are:

Urology: Maj. Frank W. Lynn, resident; Maj. Urquhart L. Meeter, asst. resident.

General Surgery: Maj. Hal B. Jennings, Jr., resident; asst. resi-

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Colonel MACK M. GREEN, MC
Who left this week for station at Fitzsimons General Hospital.

Colonel Green Goes to New Station

Colonel Mack M. Green, M. C., who has been the Chief of the Medical Service at Letterman since October 1945, left here yesterday for his new station at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, where he will assume the same office on the staff of that hospital.

Colonel Green is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Vanderbilt University. He was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1925 and came to Letterman after 38 months in the ETO where he was Base Surgeon successively in Ire-

land, England, France, Belgium and Germany. His service prior to the war included tours of duty in the Philippines and Panama, and two tours at Fitzsimons General Hospital. He was also stationed at one time at William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas.

Replacing Colonel Green as the Chief of Medical Service will be Colonel James O. Gillespie, who has been at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. It is expected that he will report for duty at Letterman late this month.

Inactive Training Duty Planned for Medical Reserves

Brigadier General F. B. Butler, senior instructor for the Northern California - Nevada District, ORC, has written a letter to all medical reserve officers acquainting them with the new plan for inactive duty training.

Through the cooperation of the Commanding General, LGH, and the Surgeon, Sixth Army, invitations have been extended to medical reserve officers to attend the lectures, conferences, discussions and general ward rounds at Letterman. This hospital is one of our foremost teaching hospitals with a great wealth of clinical material and outstanding teaching program. Reserve officers participating in this plan will be given inactive duty training credit towards promotions, retirement and such other benefits as will accrue under current regulations.

The President has signed the "Army and Air Force Vitalization and Retirement Equalization Act of 1948" which provides for retirement with pay of officers and enlisted personnel of the National Guard and Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States, the Reserve Components of the Air Force of the United States, the United States Naval and Marine Corps Reserve, and the United States Coast Guard Reserve. Upon application at age 60, individuals who have completed 20 or more years of satisfactory service will be granted retired pay at 2½% of base and longevity of highest grade held during entire service, multiplied by the number of years service.

The monthly training schedule for activities at Letterman will be mailed to the reserve officers who express an interest in the plan. Further information is available at Building 651, Presidio of San Francisco.

Medical and Recreational Libraries Have the New Look

The Letterman library has the "new look!" Modern, stream-lined, beautiful and functional are the new shelves, desks, writing tables, dictionary stands and display cases. The equipment is the new post-war production of local library furnishers, and is the first of its kind to be installed on the Pacific Coast. The wood is maple, finished in "driftwood" color, and the staff has agreed with many library visitors that the new equipment would make handsome home furniture. It is of pleasing appearance, reflects the light well, and is entirely workable—three prime requisites in any library.

The first shipment to arrive was installed in the Medical Library in April, when the department of the library moved to larger quarters in the solarium, opposite the recreational library.

Adjustable shelving for the books, bound journals and current journals, was provided. Four large tables and two small study tables, seating 18 persons, accommodate the professional staff, who really dig in to study, and several lounge chairs invite them to browse among the current journals shelved conveniently at hand. Stands for the directories and dictionaries are flanked by the card catalog and a filing case used for bulletins, pamphlets and other ephemeral materials. White aluminum Venetian blinds cover the large windows and diffuse the sunlight. Dark red floor covering and lounge chairs form a pleasing contrast to the driftwood color of the stacks and library furniture. The charging desk, designed especially for library work, is conveniently located near the door.

Hilda Allen, the very efficient and highly trained medical librarian, and her assistant, Craig Edwards, keep the medical library open for 70 hours each week; 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. on Saturday.

The popularity of the new medical library housing is attested by the fact that attendance and circulation have increased significantly since the library was moved. The professional and administrative staff have been vociferous in expressions of pleasure in having such a quiet, attractive place in which to study.

The Recreational Library equipment, which matches that in the Medical Library, was installed in May, and the result has been most



THE LGH RECREATIONAL LIBRARY

Showing the new charging desk and spacious seating arrangements. Sgt. King Baggott of Los Angeles, patient on ward 11, is getting a book to read on the ward, and Cpl. Tokko Fukuchi of Los Angeles, patient on ward E-2, is reading his book in the library. At the desk, L to R: Leah Frisby, chief librarian, and Norma Fuller, assistant librarian.



THE MEDICAL LIBRARY

Completely equipped with new and modern library furniture. Mrs. Hilda Allen, medical librarian, is at the charging desk.

satisfactory. Chief features of the new furniture are the rounded corners, plane surfaces, and the beautiful grain in the wood. The soft driftwood color is restful and because of reflected light tends to give an illusion of greater space to the whole library.

Lower stacks than those former-

ly in use, plus a sloping bottom shelf in each section of the book stacks, are especially appreciated by the wheel-chair patients, as they can now reach any desired book. Wider aisles make for easier manipulation of wheel-chairs, assure less congestion, and allow more light in the areas. The wider aisles

and lower stacks are also conducive to ease in selection of books, and this has already resulted in a larger circulation of those books which were formerly on high shelves and in dark corners. It all proves a pet theory of librarians that good books, easily obtained, contribute much towards a successful library.

The low, curved-on-the-end, sectional charging desk is long enough to permit comfortable working spots for more than one person and can be rearranged at any future date to conform with changed housing or number of library personnel. Several built-in features, such as the dropped typewriter and charge-card spaces, slots for folders and adequate shelf-space underneath, and one large supply drawer, add up to a very workable piece of equipment.

A two-sided display case for new books, with a low bulletin-board between, is placed near the library door and the charging desk. A dictionary stand with space for over-size books beneath, six writing tables, a newspaper rack of entirely new design and a periodical case so arranged that all magazines, regardless of size, have the tops in straight lines, and office desks of sage-green steel, complete the new set-up.

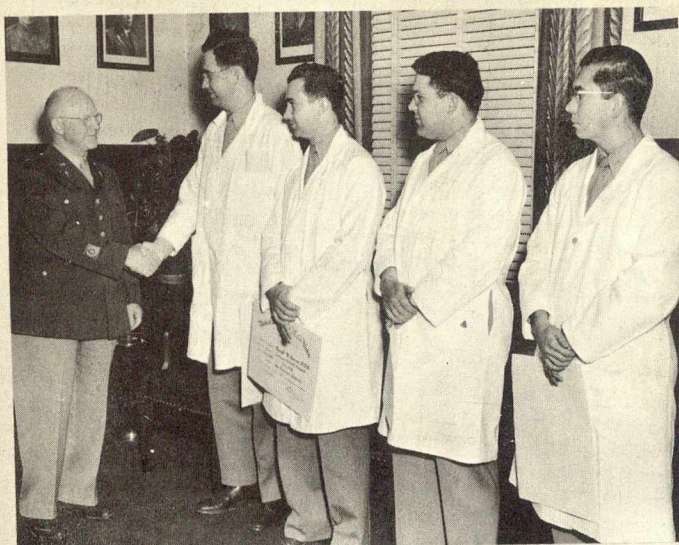
The large armchairs and davenports of dark red leather originally in the library have been retained and furnish a decided note of comfort in the over-all new look. The seating space has been increased by the addition of the small room formerly occupied by the medical library. This "back room" is popular because of its good light and comparative isolation.

In the near future, acoustical ceilings and a new lighting system for both libraries will be installed. At that time, the fingers which already "point with pride" will acquire a definite and rigid fixation.

The library staff, includes Leah R. Frisby, chief librarian; Helen Jones, ward service librarian; Norma Fuller and Winifred Biehl, the assistant librarians, and Myrtle Kirby, secretary.

The library has lots of "who-dun-its," westerns, fiction, literature, sports, travel, history, war books, etc. The Recreational Library is open from 10 in the morning until 8 at night, Monday through Friday, and from 10 until 4:30 on Saturday.

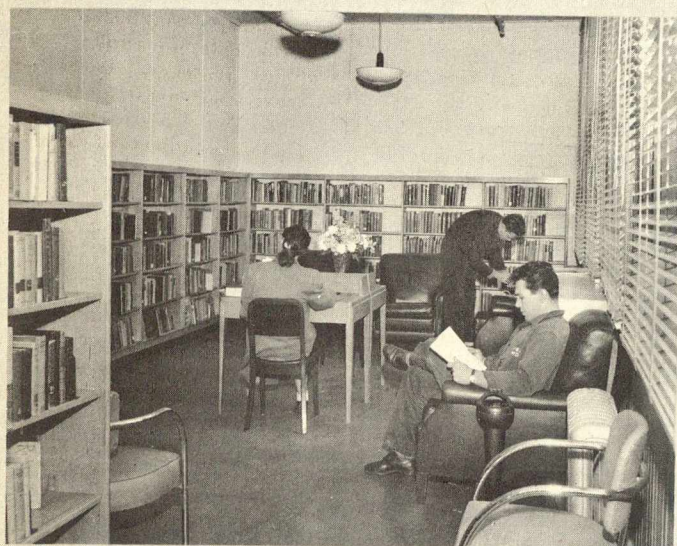
Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



CERTIFICATES FOR DENTAL INTERNS
Four of the five dental interns who completed a year of duty at LGH last week receive certificates from Brig. Gen. Dean F. Winn. L to R: First Lieuts. Ernest F. Miller, Ronald W. Curnes, Walter Z. Brown, Charles J. Glandon.



CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTION
Brig. Gen. Dean F. Winn congratulates Captain Edgar M. Thomason, MC, on his promotion, after pinning the twin silver bars on his shoulders.



SECLUDED "READING ROOM" CORNER
Of the Letterman library, where patients William Morrison of San Jose, veteran patient on K-2, and T-5 William Souza of Honolulu, patient on C-48, are whiling away a quiet hour.



THE CHESS CLUB IN ACTION
Four members of the club indulge in a game while Mili Hendrix, club co-ordinator, looks on. L to R: Cpl. James Hubert, ward B-2; T-4 Hisao Shimada, ward O-2; Capt. Geo. H. Bryan, ward D-2; T-Sgt. Myron F. Rose.

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EDITORIAL

WELCOME

We welcome to the command the 21 internes and 30 residents who joined us last week. The arrival of these officers is confirmation of the fact that the Medical Department training program, only a year old, is traveling in high gear and the Surgeon General is to be congratulated on the rapid growth of the program he initiated and directed since its inception.

The residency training program has a three fold objective. The primary function is the continued care of the sick and injured, with the extended training of our professional medical officers a concomitant of the function. The broadening of the knowledge and skill of our medical staff raises the standard of excellence and places the Army Medical Corps on a plane equal to the best in the country.

That end could not be achieved without the cooperation of the teaching staffs of the leading civilian medical schools, and the army enjoys that cooperation to the highest degree. Here at Letterman we profit by the close association of the outstanding doctors from the University of California and Stanford University. It is team work all the way.

We offer the best in our training program and we look for the best to emerge from the group who have just joined the command.



Captain Edith L. Shutt, ANC, is leaving shortly for a month's vacation in Lockport, N. Y. She also intends to go to Washington, D. C. while she is in the East, and will visit Walter Reed Hospital.

A welcome goes this week to First Lieut. Alice Hanratty, newcomer on the dietitians' staff. Lieut. Hanratty is a former Army dietitian who returned to duty last February. She came to Letterman from McCormack General Hospital.

A group of Letterman nurses entertained Tuesday evening in the Nurses' Recreation Hall at a bridal shower for First Lieut. Millie Tohill, ANC, who recently became Mrs. Wuhrmann.

Newcomers welcomed last week to the ANC ranks here were: Capt. Kathryn M. Doody, 2d Lieut. Marjorie R. Samon and 2d Lieut. Patricia I. Ward, all from Brooke General Hospital; First Lieut. Mary P. Shore, just returned from duty in Korea, and First Lieut. Emma B. Gunnell, just back from the Philippines.

First Lieut. Mary Paine of Physical Therapy and her husband have just returned from a month's leave, most of which they spent in New Mexico.

First Lieut. Ruth Wall of Physical Therapy is taking off on a month's leave and will visit both Canada and Mexico.

Six nurses who have been members of the student detachment at Letterman since February are completing their course in Operating Room Technique and Management next week, and all but one of the six will leave Letterman for assignments at other Army hospitals. Captain Margaret E. Tollefson will remain on duty here. The others are assigned as follows: Capt. Edith A. Graham, Hamilton Field hospital; Capt. Nora C. Haselmire, Valley Forge General Hospital; Capt. S. Margaret Kowaleski, William Beaumont General Hospital; Capt. Kathryn C. Stuve and First Lieut. Mary P. Toudouze, Brooke Army Medical Center.

WAC

A welcome goes this week to a new member of the WAC detachment—T/Sgt. Grace K. Davis. Sergeant Davis spent the last four years at the Western Chemical Center. Tooele, Utah, and says that for quite some time now she has been asking to be transferred to Letterman. Now she has her wish.

It seems that whenever there's conversation about favorite songs, T/Sgt. Lestie Roach is right in there pitching for "Nature Boy," which she says is still first on her personal hit parade.

T/4 Sally Craig, T/4 Becky Monroy and T/4 Leatris Lamascus were happily en route over the holiday weekend to a friend's home in Eureka, when a slight delay held them up. For awhile they were in the position of having transportation without any way to use it. The keys were inadvertently locked inside Sally's car, and the trio hitchhiked a ride to their friends' home and worked out ways to solve their problem from there.

S/Sgt. Corinne Cooper, with her car newly-equipped with new "shoes" for the occasion, took T/5 Mary Davis and T/3 Ella Dodson to Carmel to celebrate the weekend of the Fourth. Sgt. Carolyn Wirt was also among those present at Carmel over the holiday.

Sgt. Jean A. Marsland is getting congratulations these days on her recent appointment as supply sergeant for the detachment.

T/3 Billie L. Maples did go to Alabama during her 30-day leave, but she likes San Francisco so well that she spent the most of her leave right here.

First Sgt. Nellie Johnson and T/4 Ethel Stepp attended the Standard Hour broadcast last Sunday, and say that it was specially enjoyable.

Four former Letterman WACs who recently received their discharges are still Lettermanites, since they are now working in a civilian capacity. All but one of the four returned to her former job. Dorothy White, formerly of Information Office, is now on ward 25. Martha Shortle is back on ward S-1; Sylvia Wines in the Adjutant's Office, and Vi Hocking is still in Service Record section of Military Personnel.

State funds are available for purchase of farms and homes for veterans through the State Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, 11 July, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Brig. Gen. Winn Gives Certificates To Dental Interns

Brigadier General Dean F. Winn presented certificates last week to the five dental interns who have just completed a year of duty here at Letterman. Those who received the certificates are: First Lieutenants Walter Z. Brown, Ernest F. Miller, Ronald W. Curnes, Charles H. Williams and Charles J. Glandon.

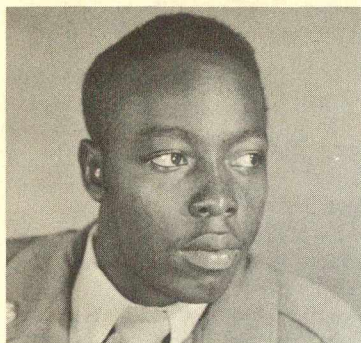
Lieut. Brown has applied for commission in the Regular Army Dental Corps, and will continue his assignment here at Letterman. Lieut. Miller elected to remain on active duty and so far has received no change of assignment, so he is presently on duty here. Lieuts. Curnes, Williams and Glandon elected to be separated from the service, and Lieut. Glandon will be with the University of California School of Dentistry, where he will work with Dr. Hermann Becks.

Lieuts. Curnes and Williams plan to go into private practice, but neither has made definite arrangements as to the locality in which he will practice.

Promotion

Captain Edgar M. Thomason, MC, who was First Lieut. Thomason when he arrived at Letterman last week, has received his promotion to the rank of captain. Brig. Gen. Dean F. Winn, commanding general, presented Captain Thomason with the insignia of his new rank last Saturday. Captain Thomason came to LGH as assistant resident on the Orthopedic Service.

ON THE SPOT



ALEX H. SIMS
Sergeant

Sergeant Alex H. Sims, who was recently assigned to duty in the clinical photographic laboratory here at Letterman, first entered the service on 18 July 1941 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

He took basic training at the Engineer Replacement Training Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and upon completion of basic he was assigned as heavy truck driver with the 822nd Engineer Battalion, Kay Field, Mississippi.

After maneuvers with the 3rd Infantry Division, Alex went overseas with the 822nd, landing at Oahu, Hawaii. Shortly afterward he participated in the invasion of the Cook Islands. After 13 months there he was again in an invasion, this time of the Fiji Islands. He was transferred from the Engineers to the Infantry, and served in three more campaigns, including the invasion of Saipan. Following a four-month tour of duty in Japan as a member of the occupation forces, Alex, being a "high point" man, came back to the States in November, 1945.

He was discharged at Fort Sam Houston, Texas on 21 January 1946. He re-enlisted the following day and was sent to Fort Eustis, Virginia as an instructor in basic training. He served there for six months, and was then briefly assigned to four other posts before coming to Letterman in March 1947.

Alex was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and attended grade school and high school in both Louisiana and Pennsylvania. Before he entered the service he worked as a car checker with the Illinois Central Railroad.

He may make the Army his career, but if he decides against that, he plans to return to school and become a mortician.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

As most Lettermanites already know, there is a community sing every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a. m. after the Quiz Show is over. Last Tuesday, however, a new twist was added. Mrs. Hunter, the Gray Lady who is accompanist during the sing, decided to make some records of the boys' singing and whistling. Pfc. Frank Watts Jr. of ward 11 made the first record, singing "The Anniversary Song." Then Pvt. James Dempsey of ward 31, Pfc. Frank Watts and Pvt. Chester Lawson of ward C-2 joined in a trio to sing "It Had To Be You," "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows" and others. The man who operated the recording machine was, "The Shy Whistler from Ward 11" Pfc. Reginald A. Watkins.

Pfc. Harold Brewster, of ward 31, was "slightly surprised" last Sunday when a small firecracker, which was thrown from a passing car, exploded at his feet. To say that he was angry would be putting it mildly; however, his anger abated a little while later when a police patrol car which happened to be in the vicinity apprehended the "jokesters."

Although the number of patients on ward F-1 is very small, you will always find their recreation room packed with card-players. And, if interested in any "particular" card game flags, you will find Pvt. Joseph York using all his powers of salesmanship to renew that interest.

The writing talents of Cpl. Oliver Livingston evidently extend along more than that line. Among his fellow patients he is known as the "Poet Laureate of Ward F-1." He also seems to have a definite talent for writing letters of criticism. It seems that most of the patients on the ward did not agree with the views of the political writer for the Chronicle and they thought that he ought to know about it. All the patients on the ward got together, and using Oliver as the scribe, they composed their letter of criticism in as strong a language as they thought proper and sent it to the Chronicle. As yet they have not received an answer.

Major Nels A. Olson, of ward B-1, has picked a job for himself in the Occupational Therapy Shop. He has taken an old wornout garden chair and is fixing it up. At the present time he is pulling the seat back to-

gether—it's coming apart at the seams.

Col. Harry S. Aldrich, of ward M-1, worked for quite some time on a little ceramic Pansy Bowl and then when it was ready to put into the kiln he dropped it. Now, and for the past few weeks, he has been working on a rectangular mantle bowl. The O. T. Shop personnel are watching him closely to see that he doesn't drop this one.

Lt. Gerald F. Driscoll, of ward A-1, has been named the unconditional Champion Wheel Turner of the Occupational Therapy Shop. His experience has enabled him to develop a degree of skill attained by no other person in the shop.

Sgt. Lawrence Kelly has been away from Letterman for some time. Evidently, however, the charm and magnetism of Letterman were irresistible and he has come back to visit us again.

Dorothy F. Cram, a Red Cross worker who is a patient on ward M-2, has some full-grown Guppies in a bowl by her bed. Now she is nervously awaiting the "blessed events" which will bring her a family of baby Guppies.

Pfc. L. N. Jenkins has been nominated for the title of Master of all Trades. He has worked in all sections of the O. T. Shop during his stay at Letterman. At the present time he is working in the Ceramics Section.

If you are intending to make a plastic lamp and you need advice or help, be sure to contact M/Sgt. Willie Jones of ward 2. Willie has been making lamps for a good while and he has become quite expert at it.

The French bride of Lt. Drennan Bailey of ward M-1 has come to the United States. At the present time she knows very little English; but she has learned quite a bit in the two weeks she has been in the States.

M/Sgt. Richard E. Bell of ward 28 is being discharged from the hospital today. During the past week he has been going to the O. T. Shop regularly in order to complete a set of side boards for the trailer which he is going to take back to Kentucky.

During the absence of the instructor in the Ceramics section, Lt. Fred R. McDonald of ward D-2 took over as Chief instructor.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MRS. FRANCES FARRUGIA

Flashing a pair of Latin eyes and an affable smile to match, Mrs. Frances Farrugia is certain to open the conversation with "May I help you?" She can be found daily behind the fountain in the main Post Exchange, where she serves up everything from sandwiches to ice cream cones, with the ever-popular coffee in most frequent demand. She has been at Letterman since November of last year.

While she thoroughly enjoys her work, it has cut into the time she used to spend with her family. Mrs. Farrugia has always been active in Catholic organizations. She has aided in raising funds for church activities through various bazaars and parties. When a Catholic nun arrived recently from the Philippines, Mrs. Farrugia was active in helping to supply her with clothing and other donations to help the needy before her return to the Islands.

Being a native of San Francisco, a Graduate of Commerce High School, and a resident of North Beach, one might think she would look with distaste at Southern California. On the contrary, it is her favorite vacation spot. On her many trips south she and her husband and their 14-year-old son really get into the southland swing of activity. But in the back of her mind is a desire for more distant travel. She wants very much to visit Europe.

Mrs. Farrugia's son Charles is an up-and-coming boxer. He is now a senior at San Francisco Junior High School.

When the time comes for diversion, Frances likes to dance, play cards and read, and she keeps abreast of all the new "best sellers."

The first little pig said to the second young porker: "My, I never sausage heat." Replied the second, "Yes, I'm nearly bacon."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Mildred Bryan, formerly secretary in the library, is now in the functional Occupational Therapy Shop, and says she's enjoying her work very much—"it gets better every day."

Dina Pagani of the Laundry was "mother of the bride" at a wedding this week at historic Mission Dolores church, and report says that she looked as young as her daughter. She wore a dark frock and pink hat for the occasion. Her daughter Olga, the bride, wore the traditional white satin, and her daughter Dorothy, who was maid-of-honor, wore blue taffeta.

Linda Nacey of X-Ray is enjoying a two-week vacation.

Alice Torgerson of Finance and Harriet Baken of I & E, who share an apartment, also share vacation times, but this time they went in different directions. Alice flew to Seattle for two weeks, and Harriet is spending her two weeks at Rio del Mar, which she went on record as calling "the only sunny spot in California."

Gwen Scopin of the Baggage Room is back on duty after a month's vacation. Not only did she work during her leave, but she also was busy with preparations for the wedding of her daughter Geraldine who was married recently at Old St. Mary's Church.

Ruth Callman of the Legal office spent the weekend visiting friends in Los Angeles.

Mary Lerner of Dental Clinic came back this week from a far-reaching vacation trip during which she visited New Orleans, New York, Miami Beach, Chicago and Havana, Cuba. She was gone for a month.

Helen O'Connell, the former Helen Smith of Detachment of Patients, has just returned from a vacation with her husband in Wisconsin, Chicago and New Orleans. She is returning to work at Letterman, and will again be in the Detachment of Patients office.

Lee Bakken of X-ray is back from a month spent visiting at the home of her sister in Santa Cruz. Not only did she have fun baking and even putting up fruit on the new electric range there, she also ate enough of her home-cooked goodies to add a few extra pounds which are very becoming.

MAJOR FRANCES C. HENCHEY COMPLETES 30 YEARS OF SERVICE



Major FRANCES C. HENCHEY, ANC
Who joined the 30-Year Club last week.

To the young ladies who are now entering the Army Nurse Corps with the idea of making a career of the service and retire at the end of 30 years we recommend Major Frances C. Henchey, who completed that period on 2 July and admits she almost failed to notice the flight of time.

It was away back in 1918—July 2nd—that Miss Henchey raised her hand and took the oath of office in the ANC. The years began rolling around and the major began to get over the globe. She saw service in France in World War I and followed that by tours in the Philippines and Hawaii.

Major Henchey first came to Letterman in 1937 and stayed for three years. It was during that tour of duty that she became so well known as the half owner of a station wagon; the other half was owned by Lieut. Nancy King, her constant companion. In 1940 Major Henchey was transferred to Fort Douglas as Chief Nurse of the Station Hospital

and soon after that Lieut. King was sent to Puerto Rico. What to do with the station wagon? Well, Nancy took it along with her.

Perhaps it was the yearning for the station wagon, or maybe the yearning for Nancy, but, anyway, Major Henchey soon wangled a transfer to Puerto Rico and every one was happy again. An officer of Major Henchey's experience could not languish in the Caribbean and she was assigned to Deshon Hospital as Principal Chief Nurse where she remained until that command was inactivated. In April 1946 the major was back at Letterman and still happy.

The anniversary was marked by a surprise dinner for her in the Nurses' Mess with a big cake and floral decorations and all that goes with a celebration of that kind. Congratulations poured in from her many friends as soon as they learned of the occasion.

Retire? She is still too young for that.



To Capt. and Mrs. Glen Edward Cave, a boy, **William Edward**, born 24 June.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Leonard O. Anderson, a boy, **John Leonard**, born 24 June.

To Capt. and Mrs. William J. Metzger, a girl, **Julianne Eleen**, born 24 June.

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Charles Adams Reed, Jr., a boy, **Charles Adams III**, born 25 June.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Ray Edward Couture, a boy, **Raymond Alan**, born 23 June..

To Capt. and Mrs. Richard Cameron Robins, twin girls, **Joan Cameron** and **Patricia Lynn**, born 24 June.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Ovid M. Rey, a boy, **Jeffery Alan**, born 25 June.

To Major and Mrs. Curtis S. Seebaldt, a girl, **Cathy Sussanne**, born 25 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ward Walter Hovis, a boy, **Frank Ward**, born 25 June.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur K. Henness, a boy, **Dwight Edward**, born 26 June.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. Walter D. Scott, a boy, **Leo Emerson II**, born 26 June.

To Sgt. and Mrs. William C. LaFont, a boy, **Hans Walter**, born 27 June.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Lorenz K. Rofoli, a girl, **Charmaine Lucille**, born 27 June.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph L. Stone, a boy, **David Ralph**, born 27 June.

To T/5 and Mrs. James H. McCulloch, a girl, **Vivian Leigh**, born 27 June.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. George L. Dukes, a girl, **La Jeane Kay**, born 28 June.

To First Lieut. and Mrs. John Henry Terry, a girl, **Becky Jane**, born 28 June.

To Capt. and Mrs. Richard A. Zanders, a boy, **Roosevelt Alex**, born 29 June.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene Roy Adolph, a boy, **Ronald Eugene**, born 29 June.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Clyde M. Rees, a girl, **Cheryl Marie**, born 29 June.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Personnel of HTU have been quite busy this week. The reason is the arrival of the Hospital Ship 'Hope.'

Master Sgt. Fay C. Casperson celebrated the glorious 4th by going on a little fishing trip. It is not known how many fish the Sergeant was able to catch, but he did acquire a sunburned, stiff neck.

T/Sgt. John M. Cook welcomed a new arrival into his family this week. This makes two girls for the Sergeant. Congratulations!

1st Sgt. Frank A. Connor and T/5 Ralph E. Sellers have been detailed to accompany a patient to Los Angeles.

Capt. Walter S. Wilcox, formerly of HTU, has been transferred to the Medical Depot in St. Louis, Missouri.

1st Sgt. Lena Cricco, who departed HTU two years ago for overseas duty in Korea, has now returned. She is working about in Crissy Annex and left yesterday on a Hospital Car bound for Percy Jones Hospital and return.

T/Sgt. John Mack and T/Sgt. James L. Mitchell, two old-timers at riding Hospital Trains, are making the trip to Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, this week. The remainder of the enlisted men on this trip are making their initial journey on a Hospital Car. No doubt they will have many interesting things to talk about on their return to Crissy.

T/Sgt. William F. Passmore (the man who traded the Marine Corps for the Army) is now doubling in brass. He is ward master on ward C-48, but in his spare time he doubles in the Evacuation Office as a driver.

T/4 Reginald Johnson is the recipient of 12 days leave. He says he will be able to visit the folks at home.

T/3 James J. Peyton of HTU is now a patient at Letterman. Here's hoping his illness will be of short duration.

Library

"This is the hour when the fate of western civilization is at stake . . . this is the American hour of destiny." So writes Sumner Welles in his new book "We need not fail." In the Library.

LETTERMAN SEEMS LIKE HOME TO HIM AFTER TWELVE YEARS HERE



ERNEST L. HECHT
Manager of the Letterman dry cleaning plant

The man responsible for the smooth-running efficiency of Letterman's dry cleaning plant is Ernest L. Hecht, the manager, who is known as "Ernie" to his many friends here. And he has a lot of them, because in point of years of service he is a real Letterman old-timer, having first put in his appearance on the Letterman scene twelve years ago, in 1936.

Business was comparatively quiet then, and after his first six months here, Ernie took over the plant and ran it on a concession basis. This arrangement began in 1937 and continued until 1944, at which time the Bay Area Exchange took over the plant, with Ernie remaining as manager. During that time the number of personnel has increased from six to 20.

In addition to doing cleaning and dyeing for duty personnel and civilians at LGH, the plant also processes all the work from Fort Scott and the Presidio. At peak operation, during the war, 1100 pieces a day were turned out. At present, pro-

duction averages between eight and nine hundred pieces daily. Ernie says the percentage of complaints and compliments on the work turned out is just "normal" for a plant of its size, but judging by the comments heard about the quality of the work, it would seem that compliments are definitely in the majority.

Although Ernie is a native of Calumet, Michigan, he regards California as his home state, because he grew up and went to school in Redwood City. He knows the cleaning and dyeing business backwards and forwards, having first begun working in that field with his father, who owned his own plant in Redwood City.

He is no longer living down the Peninsula, but has his own home in San Francisco's Richmond district. He and his wife Adele have three children. The oldest is 17-year-old Richard, and the others are Sandra, who is 14, and Dennis, 10.

Ernie likes to spend most of his

MEDICAL DETACH

S/Sgt. David L. "Blackie" Blackburn of Physical Reconditioning Branch is making the news quite regularly these days. This column received a hurry up call on Tuesday from a member of the Letterman NCO Club. It seems that "Blackie," who in addition to his other duties is chief cook and bottle washer at the Club, decided to fry himself some eggs and after attempting to break several, finally decided they were already cooked. Hard boiled, that is.

M/Sgt. Charles Doze of the Finance Office returns from a five day furlough to Idaho with a pocket full of silver dollars and several tall tales. Some people call them fish stories.

T/4 Ellis MacDiffitt of the Out Patient Service is now a patient on Ward 40. Ellis plans on getting discharged from the Army just as soon as the "Doc" gets him "fixed up."

M/Sgt. Harold "Swede" Larson of Physical Therapy and T/Sgt. Joseph Surowicz of the Hospital Service Branch both recently returned from furlough and brought something back with them. "Swede" brought Mrs. "Swede" and Joe brought a "yen" to go back to Detroit.

T/4 Edward Sans and T/4 Charles "Monte" Catterlin, both of Troop I&E Branch, recently did a strip tease in Sacramento in Sans' automobile. The car did the stripping—the ring gears and all the differential gears. (The boys hitchhiked back to Letterman.)

M/Sgt. George Barte of the Claims Office gives with another "Barteism." George was recently overheard making the statement that he thought the Army should abolish duty hours. George reconsidered however on second thought. He thinks it would be abominable to go to work when one wasn't on duty.

"How did you get your husband to quit staying late at the NCO Club?"

"When he came in late I called out, 'Is that you, Jack?'"

"How did that stop him?"

"His name is Bill."

free time gardening. He has both flowers and vegetables in the garden at his home, and he says the flowers get the most attention.

Swim Classes at "Y"

Swimming and life-saving classes for children and adults will begin next week at the Army YMCA on the Presidio, and will be open to military and civilian personnel and their dependents residing on the post. Audrey Aitken and Paul DeLeon, both Red Cross instructors in swimming, water safety and life-saving, will conduct the classes.

The five type of classes which will be given, and opening dates, are: "Learn-to-Swim" class for women, Tuesday, 13 July, 1900 hours; for men, 1945 hours. Life-Saving class for men and women, Tuesday, 13 July, 2030. "Learn-to-Swim" classes for boys and girls, ages 8 to 13, Saturday, 17 July, 0930. Diving for boys and girls, Saturday, 17 July, 1100.

Adults desiring to join the classes are requested to register at the Army "Y," and parents are required to register for their children.

MORE ABOUT NEW RESIDENTS

(Continued from Page 1)

dents, Maj. Frank A. DiLaura, Maj. Alan B. Eaker, Lieut. Col. John W. Guerin, Capt. James L. Schriker, Jr.

Orthopedics: Lieut. Col. Ralph E. Reiner, senior resident; asst. residents, Lieut. Col. Albert W. Shiflet, Capt. Edgar M. Thomason, Capt. Paul M. Beegel, Capt. Roger A. Juel, Lieut. John M. Perry, Jr.

Dermatology: Lieut. Col. Robert S. Higdon, senior resident; asst. residents, Lieut. Col. Oswald R. Jensen, Lieut. Col. Orland S. Olsen. **Internal Medicine:** Lieut. Col. Russell B. Watson, asst. resident.

Psychiatry: Asst. residents, Col. Eaton W. Bennett, Capt. Edward J. Kellar, Lieuts. David H. Wilson, John R. Black, Robert L. Christensen, Cloyce L. Duncan, Frederick G. Harris, Frank Hladky, Jr., Ralph H. Potter, Jr.

Pathology: Capt. Edmund R. Kielman, senior resident; Maj. Paul C. LeGolván, asst. resident. **Radiology:** Capt. Karl A. Youngstrom, asst. resident.

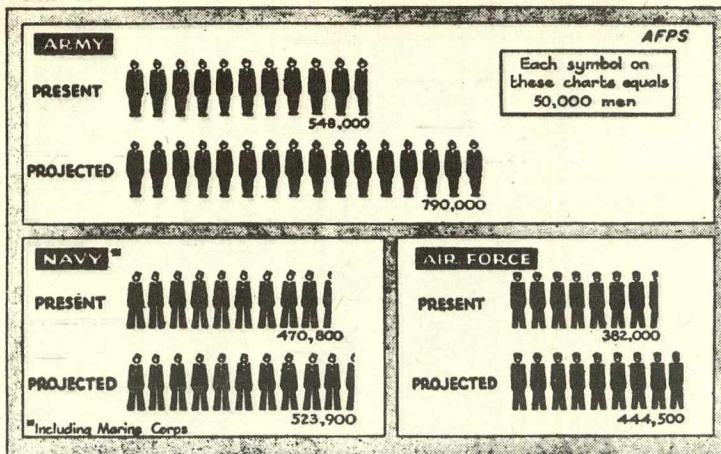
Physical Medicine: Lieut. Ernest F. Adams, asst. resident.

An optimist is one who doesn't care what happens so long as it happens to someone else.

A man is a person who falls in love with a face and makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl.

Sec. Royall Outlines Draft Program

How the Draft May Expand the Services



The figures for "projected" strength give the indicated size of the Armed Forces on July 1, 1949, based on actual Congressional appropriations.

How the Selectee Program Will Work In Training, Placement, and Treatment

Washington (AFPS)—The following part of a "Question and Answer" explanation of how Selective Service will be implemented, has been issued by the Army:

Q. Will the soldier know why he is in the Army?

A. The Troop Information and Education Division is initiating an expanded troop discussion program focusing on the reasons for an individual's service, his responsibilities as a citizen, etc. The subjects for the weekly discussion are being reslanted to take into account the special interests of the Selective Service group, though not without due regard for the volunteer.

Q. Will he be kept informed as to what is going on?

A. Through the facilities of the Troop Information and Education Division—radio, newspapers, motion pictures, posters and discussion pamphlets—military personnel will be kept informed concerning pertinent national and international issues.

Q. Has leadership in the Army improved?

A. Yes, largely as a result of Army's World War II experience. The keynote now is to explain and lead, rather than to drive. When an individual knows why he does certain things, more cheerful and efficient performance results.

Q. Will primary emphasis be on training for fighting or for occupation duty?

A. Fighting. The whole training doctrine of the Army is to develop a trained soldier capable of performing efficiently his primary mission in combat. In this connection "occupation duty" is just one of the many subjects in which he will receive instruction.

SECRETARY ROYALL LISTS DRAFT ADVANTAGES

The Secretary of the Army said that "off duty facilities will afford soldiers ample opportunities for recreational, educational and religious development," and "every effort will be made through character guidance to encourage the strengthening of the moral fiber of the soldier and to make him a better citizen." Mr. Royall listed among advantages and benefits lined up for the soldier, a full program of sports, and an educational program especially designed to tie in with the soldier's personal plans for future education. Available funds will permit adequate but not luxurious accommodations for all inductees, Mr. Royall stated. He added that the men would not be coddled, but would live in simple quarters with adequate light.

Washington (AFPS)—The Army will start drafting about 30,000 men monthly when Selective Service becomes operative September 22, Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall, said here recently.

Registration of young men 18 through 25 years of age will start about mid-August, or as soon as local draft boards can be set up. About 225,000 to 250,000 men will be called, Mr. Royall said.

With implementation of the new draft law, the Secretary stated, the Army will be able to organize for the first time since World War II "a really effective mobile striking force." The expanded Army will have 12 Regular Infantry and Armored divisions and six National Guard divisions.

Secretary Royall revealed that the estimated need for 225,000 to 250,000 men was based on plans for bringing the Army to full strength by July 1, 1949. Total strength for which appropriations have been made is 790,000, although Congress has authorized an ultimate strength of 837,000.

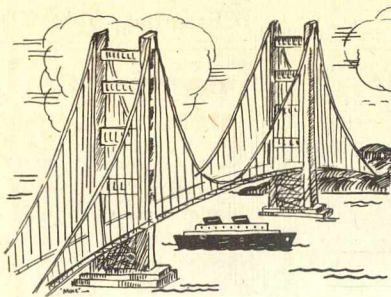
The Air Force and Navy, including the Marine Corps, will utilize few of the inductees; at most, early estimates indicated, token contingents.

(Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal has stated that "for the next few months at least practically all of the selectees will be assigned to the Army, since the immediate need of the Navy and Air Force probably will be met by voluntary recruitment under existing procedures.")

The inductees will be trained by eight training divisions, four of which are now in operation. They will be trained at the outset by combat organizations with which it is intended that they will spend their entire 21 month hitch.

The type of training and methods for schooling the new soldiers was outlined by Mr. Royall when he told newsmen: "Principles lie in the field of leadership and discipline. Leadership in our Army is based upon better understanding of basic human relations, a development of mutual respect and trust between the leader and the soldier who forms the many and varied tasks of the Army."

"In order to develop the individual as a soldier and citizen, it is essential that he be given the maximum amount of personal liberty consistent with the proper performance of his duty. His training will seek to promote his individual initiative and resourcefulness. It is our intention that these qualities not be handicapped or restricted by harsh or unnecessary discipline."



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RA Examinations For Enlisted WACs Now Under Way Here

Examinations began this week at Letterman for enlisted Women's Army Corps personnel who desire integration into the Regular Army. The majority of the 47 members of the Letterman WAC detachment will take the examination, according to Captain Charlotte Woodworth, detachment commanding officer.

The examination, which takes approximately 45 minutes, will be given to groups of eight each day, in the Troop Information and Education office, building 1039. Only WACs presently on duty here will be given the examination during the first six weeks of integration procedure. Staff Sergeant Lou A. Hedding, recruiting sergeant here from Camp Lee on detached service, will give the tests, and Captain Woodworth will administer the oath when the candidate is sworn in.

Procedure necessary for integration includes passing the examination, obtaining a letter of recommendation from the individual's section chief and from the CO of the WAC detachment, and passing a physical examination. When these requirements have been fulfilled, discharge from the present corps is accomplished, and re-enlistment may be completed within the following 72 hours.

Enlisted women who are discharged for immediate enlistment in the Regular Army are entitled to mustering-out pay, and are also eligible for a bonus. Those in the top three grades may apply for ORC commissions. Officers candidate school will be of six months duration, and only those who have not reached their 28th birthday are eligible.

WAC officers now on duty will receive applications for Regular Army integration, and these should be sent in by 15 August. First Regular Army appointments of officers will be made early in December.



Major ROLAND H. WINGO, MSC
Who left this week for duty at Guam.

Hospital Adjutant Leaves for Guam

Major Roland H. Wingo, MSC., adjutant for this command, left this week en route to his new assignment at Guam.

Major Wingo is a native of Seadrift, Texas, and has been in the army since 1934 when he began his military career at Fitzsimons General Hospital. He went to OCS in 1942 and received his commission in the MAC. In the first integration in July 1946 the major was ap-

pointed to the Regular Army.

He has been at Letterman since February 1946 and spent the first 10 months here on duty with the hospital train unit, and was also the commanding officer of the station complement before taking over the Adjutant's desk in February of this year.

The major will enjoy a pre-embarcation leave of absence before sailing for the Marianas.

Veterans Receive Added Allowance For Dependents

Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 60 per cent or more in degree will receive additional compensation in the form of allowances for dependents under the terms of a new law, Veterans Administration has announced.

Instructions for applying for the new benefits will be issued in the near future to eligible veterans.

The increases, which will become effective with the month of September, 1948, range up to a maximum of \$91 per month for a 100 per cent disabled war veteran with a wife, three or more children, and two dependent parents.

Eligible for the increases are veterans of any war or peacetime service in the armed forces, who have service-connected disabilities of 60 per cent or more, and who have one or more dependents.

Under the previously-existing law, disability compensation was based upon the degree of disability, plus additional statutory awards for amputations, blindness, etc., whether or not the veteran had dependents. Such veterans will continue to receive their regular compensation payments, to which will be added such additional amounts as they may be entitled to for dependents under the new law.

Veterans in training under Public Law 16 or the GI Bill are not eligible for dependency compensation during periods for which they receive increased compensation or subsistence allowances for dependents, except that they may elect to receive whichever is the higher amount.

New Students Here for Occupational Therapy Training

Letterman welcomed five new Occupational Therapy students last week who came here from schools in various parts of the United States to complete their training. They have finished the theoretical phase of their training, and will spend their time here receiving practical training which will enable them to co-ordinate theory and practice.

Upon completion of their practical work they will be eligible to take the national examinations for Registered Occupational Therapist given by the Occupational Therapy Association. These examinations are given three times a year.

Three of the five newly-arrived students will be here for a three-month period; the other two will be here for four months. Those who will remain for three months' training are: Miss Mary Beck of Buffalo, N. Y., who studied at the Kalamazoo Occupational Therapy School, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Miss Marilyn Boyce of Long Beach, California, who took her occupational therapy work at the University of Southern California, and Miss Barbara Stockholm of Fresno, California, who studied at San Jose State College. The two who will be here for four months are: Miss Phyllis Jordan of Whittier, California, from University of Southern California, and Miss Jackie Simmons of Kanona, Kansas, from the University of Kansas School of Occupational Therapy.

The current training program for occupational therapists was inaugurated by the Office of The Surgeon General, and is designed to provide a standardized course of on-the-job training. Letterman is one of eleven Army general hospitals where the course is given. The others are: Brooke General Hospital, Oliver General Hospital, Murphy General Hospital, Madigan General Hospital, Fitzsimons General Hospital, William Beaumont General Hospital and Valley Forge General Hospital.

The program of instruction has a dual purpose: To supplement the services provided by registered occupational therapists now on duty at the hospital, and to provide occupational therapists who have received graduate training in Army hospitals and who will be eligible to apply for commissions in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps.

The schedule of teaching and on-the-job training for the students is



NEW OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENTS AND O. T. CHIEF
L. t R. (seated): Miss Marilyn Boyce, Captain Ada M. Bowers, WMSC, Chief of Occupational Therapy; Miss Barbara Stockholm. Standing, Miss Mary Beck, Miss Phyllis Jordan, Miss Jackie Simmons.

able, and will also have the opportunity to observe a certain number of operations performed at Letterman.

In order to qualify for the student training offered at Army hospitals required, didactic phase of occupational therapy work, and must at the time of application and appointment be enrolled in an O. T. school approved by The Surgeon General. All the students now here have completed work for their B. S. degree. The clinical training period required, in addition to the didactic training is nine months, and this may be taken partly in civilian institutions, partly in Army hospitals.

Students must be female citizens of the United States, and must be under 27 years of age at the time of beginning the clinical training. Married applicants may be accepted, but unmarried ones are given preference. Those accepted have civilian status while in training.

The type of practical training required by each student is determined by the clinical training di-

rector of her school. An attempt is arranged by Captain Ada M. Bowers, Chief of Occupational Therapy at Letterman, under the direction of Lieut. Col. Leo J. Butler, Chief of Physical Medicine. The students now at LGH will have a rotating schedule, which will give them training in the various phases of O. T. work with patients receiving treatment for diseases and injuries under the several professional services of the hospital. They will work in each of the three O. T. shops—Functional, Diversional and Neuropsychiatric.

Among the lecture subjects scheduled for the students are: "Clinical Practice of Occupational Therapy," "Organization and Administration of Army and Medical Department," "Military Ethics and Courtesy," "Orientation in Physical Therapy Clinic," "Anatomy and Kinesiology," and "Physical Medicine and Its Application to the Patient."

Students will attend medical, surgical and neuropsychiatric conferences and ward rounds when possible to send applicants to the hos-

pital of their choice for training.

In Army hospitals the students receive an annual stipend of \$550, of which \$270 is for subsistence, \$156 for quarters and \$24 for maid service. This totals \$450, and leaves an additional \$100 to cover miscellaneous personal expenses. The students now at Letterman have their quarters at Dante Annex.

The students are required to maintain a diary of their clinical training period giving information on the kind and number of cases treated, and the conferences and ward rounds observed.

Upon completion of training, those students who are interested in obtaining an appointment as a commissioned officer in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps may, if they are eligible, apply for such a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

If the commission is received, and the individual is assigned to active duty, she may apply and be considered for an appointment in the Regular Army after an extended period of such duty.

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



O. T. STUDENTS AROUND THE LOOM

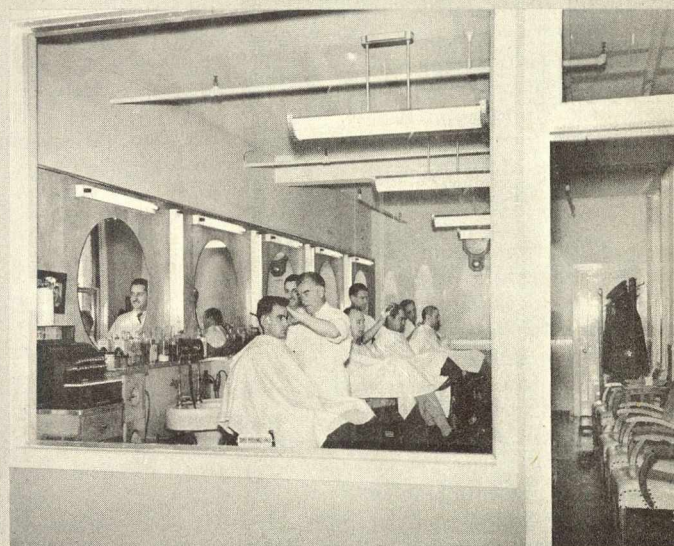


THE COMMANDING GENERAL

And Chiefs of Service pose for pictures. Seated L to R: Col. Emmett B. Litteral, Psychiatry; Brig. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, Director of Professional Services; Brig. Gen. Dean F. Winn, Commanding General; Col. Marhl H. Welch, Dental. Standing--Col. Earl Maxwell, EENT; Lt. Col. Wilbur C. Berry, Medicine (Acting); Col. Oral B. Bolibaugh, Orthopedics; Col. Kermit H. Gates, Deputy Commander; Col. Kenneth F. Ernst, Laboratory; Lt. Col. Leo J. Butler, Physical Medicine.



MAX WORKING WITH WAX



THE "NEW LOOK"

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

LEADERSHIP

In a speech given recently on the West Coast, Chief of Staff Omar N. Bradley outlined objectives necessary to give Army personnel a sense of mission in doing their job.

"We must strive constantly to keep our Army objectively aware of the critical national and international problems that confront us from day to day, and provoke interest among our troops in the implications of these issues that men may judge freely and by their own conscience.

"Leadership," said General Bradley, "means firmness, not harshness; understanding, not weakness; justice, not license; humaneness, not intolerance, and generosity, not selfishness."

He pointed out that servicemen must understand the greatness of our democracy and grasp the important role they fill as part of our Armed Forces. The men must have the confidence and satisfaction that comes from knowing why they are needed.

But no matter how much is given by the Army to the servicemen through the channels of information and orientation, there must be a co-operative attitude on the part of the Army personnel themselves. They need to accept what is given them in the spirit of willingness to think about the problems which confront our nation, so that they will actu-



Five newcomers were welcomed to the Army Nurse Corps staff at Letterman this week: Captain **Kathryn W. Davis**, who came here from Fort Monmouth, N. J.; First Lieut. **Alta P. Rogers**, recently returned from duty in the Philippines; First Lieut. **Catherine Merat**, back from overseas duty in the Pacific; 2d Lieut. **Alice W. Epke**, a former Army nurse returned from civilian life, and 2d Lieut. **Faye Hirschy**, a newcomer to the Army as well as to Letterman.

Captain **Ruby G. Bradley**, ANC, is off to West Virginia to spend a 30-day leave with her sister.

First Lieut. **Katherine F. Lynch**, ANC, who is Mrs. McGuire in private life, has been separated from the service. She will continue to make her home in San Francisco.

First Lieut. **Beth Campbell**, recent arrival on the dietitians staff, is taking lessons in figure skating at Sutro's. As a dietitian she of course knows all about putting food on ice; as a skater, she's now putting herself on ice.

First Lieut. **Dorothy Glidden** of Physical Therapy is spending a few days in Reno before leaving for overseas duty on Guam.

Next week First Lieut. **Margaret Abbott**, ANC, is due to take off on a 30-day leave which she plans to spend at her home, Broadlawn Farm, Downers Grove, Illinois.

Lieuts. **Julie Skelchock** and **Elizabeth Stevenson** of the dietitians staff entertained Letterman friends last Sunday at a housewarming cocktail party at their new apartment in the Marina.

Major **Lois Kinnison**, ANC, is going to visit friends in Salt Lake City during a five-day leave next week.

Helen Franklin, after taking a month's leave, has resigned to work at the University of California hospital.

Capt. **Ruby G. Bradley**, ANC, is off to West Virginia to spend a 30-day leave with her sister.

ally be and feel that they are a vital part of the vigorous organization that is our Army.

WAC

When T/4 **Pauline Smith** has Charge of Quarters duty she takes full advantage of the opportunity to catch up on her correspondence. In fact, she has so many letters to answer that she's even happy to take on CQ for a friend. That way she gets all her letters answered, obliges a fellow-WAC, and everybody's happy.

T/4 **Frances (Blackie) Black** is rejoicing in a new short haircut, and getting admiring compliments on her naturally curly hair, which is curlier than ever now that it's been cut.

"Home to Oklahoma" is the refrain these days for T/4 **Leatris Lamascus**, who took off last week on 15-day leave for her home in that state.

Sympathetic wishes for a quick recovery go to T/Sgt. **Margaret Drescher** this week, since she became a patient on Tuesday.

Another member of the detachment who is Oklahoma bound is T/Sgt. **Myrtle Gragg**, now on a detached service assignment. She will have 15 days at home before returning to duty.

Sgt. **Betty Stahl**, who has been a patient for the past few weeks, returned to duty in the Operating Room on Monday.

T/3 **Elsie Lepitre** acquired something special in the way of a suntan during her 30-day leave. Part of her time was spent in California sightseeing and the rest in getting plenty of summer sun on the Russian River.

S/Sgt. **Meryl Meredith** is on a three-week leave, and is spending it on a tour of the State of Washington. When last heard from, she was enthusiastic over her visit to Mount Rainier.

When S/Sgt. **Nancy Banvard** began her 30-day leave last week she was en route to New Orleans, with plenty of stops scheduled on the way. She plans to cover a lot of territory during the month.

When T/3 **Lee Witkowski's** mother was here recently on a visit from Cleveland, Ohio, she learned about the coffee-drinking propensities of her daughter's friends in the WAC. Result: A farewell gift to Lee of a handsome electric percolator. And the coffee-maker is getting plenty of practice.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday 18 July, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Gone

Lieut. Col. **Wilson T. Smith, MC**, who has been commanding officer of Letterman's Hospital Train Section since last August, left this week for a new station at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He will be commanding officer of the Station Hospital at the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks there. During a delay en route he will visit relatives in Salt Lake City.

Colonel Smith had been at Letterman on a previous tour of duty six years ago. During World War II he served in both the ETO and the Pacific theatres. He has been in the Army since 1932.

Off to Washington

Miss **Grace Guilford**, Red Cross field director at Letterman, left this week for Washington, D. C., where she will be one of ten field directors taking a special course at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The course is designed to give intensive training in administrative procedures, and will be of several weeks duration. Miss Guilford will return to Letterman on 8 September.

Mrs. **Lillian C. Wheeler** will be in charge as acting field director during Miss Guilford's absence.

USAA Insurance Valid

The United Services Automobile Association advises all local members holding insurance policies in the association that it has been licensed to do business in the state of California, and the policies meet the requirements of the new financial responsibility law which went into effect on 1 July in this state.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MRS. MEL WRYSINSKI
Out-Patient Service

"I was born in Texas, but as soon as I learned to walk I came to California," is the way Mrs. Mel Wrynski declares her loyalty to her adopted state. Mel performs her duties in Out-Patient Service with bubbling good spirits, and says she particularly enjoys working with the congenial staff there.

She grew up in Long Beach and attended Long Beach Junior College and business college there, then worked for a time as secretary to the president of the Real Estate Board. After her marriage to a naval officer she went to Honolulu to live, and in November, 1941, just three weeks before Pearl Harbor, she began work as a civil service employee for the 14th Naval District.

In November, 1942, she returned to the States and spent the following two years here in San Francisco working for the Maritime Commission as secretary to the chief inspector of ships.

Mel has two children. Her daughter Kathy is eight, and her son Jim is four. When Mel resigned her position with the Maritime Commission in 1944 she remained at home with the children until she came to Letterman last August. She has an apartment in Richmond and commuting is one of her daily problems, but she doesn't let it get her down. Usually the children are in nursery school, but at present they are vacationing with Mel's mother in Bakersfield, where Mel spent a recent weekend visiting them.

When she was first at LGH she worked on the Orthopedic Service, but last March she transferred to her present job in Out-Patient Service.

In her leisure time she enjoys bowling, dancing, horseback riding, and also knitting.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Pfc. Clinton Schwingler of ward 2 decided to make a plastic lamp in the Occupational Therapy Shop. He found that he had a little difficulty turning the plastic on the lathe, and when he finally finished his work, the lamp wasn't as large as he expected it to be. But it's a good lamp, and now that he's under way with his project, he can go on to turn out bigger and better lighting equipment.

Lieut. Harry Lawler is no longer a bed patient on ward D-2. He can now be found racing along the Letterman ramp in his "wheelmobile."

Glittering with chrome and mirrors and equipped with comfortable leather chairs for those on the waiting list, Letterman's new Barber Shop is definitely on view behind its big plate glass window in its new location between the PX and the PO. Four chairs are now in operation and a fifth is to be added in the near future, according to Harold Flynn, the manager of the shop. The other three barbers on duty are Salvatore Chiappone, Norman Allen and Hans Berner. The shop is open from 0800 to 1615, Monday through Saturday.

Although S/Sgt. Robert Greeley is a bed patient just now, he has recently been quite active in turning out sets of beer mugs. The clay castings are made for him in the Occupational Therapy Shop, and he

then proceeds to put on two brass bands with handle attached and decorate the mugs with initials. The finished product is a professional looking job that would do credit to a commercial manufacturer.

That well-known writer on ward F-1, Cpl. Oliver Livingston, has kindly taken it upon himself to supply the following news notes from the ward:

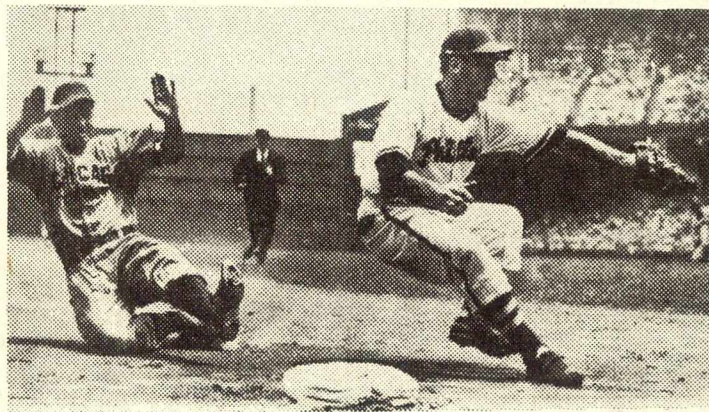
F-1 was entertained recently with a mystery to be solved by one of the patients. Sgt. Dean Hoback and Pfc. Robert J. Seppington divided the honors, and each received a share of the cash prize. Nice super-leuthing!

The star fisherman of ward F-1, who have been doing quite well for themselves of late are Pfc. Robert Johnson, Pvt. George Addington and M/Sgt. Sherwood Carl. They are daily customers at the fishing shack at Crissy pier.

The favorite game on ward 31 is Army pinocle, but the ward is due to lose its two outstanding players next week — Pvt. James Dempsey and Pfc. John Bryant.

Those who wondered who the "tough" M. P. was at a recent Recreation Hall stage show can now learn that he is Pvt. Frank Watts of ward 11. Actually his normal duty is not as an M. P., but he says that he wouldn't mind being one.

Poof! There Goes Pafko.



Andy Pafko is proving to be one of the biggest guns in the Chicago Cubs 1948 lineup. Possessor of a high batting average, leading the club in runs batted in, and playing a whale of a game in the hot corner, Pafko was the Cubs' only strong contender for All-Star honors. Here he is shown sliding into third on an infield single by a teammate, as Eddie Miller of the Philadelphia Phillies reaches for a throw that arrived too late. Action came in second inning of the opener in a double header at Shibe Park. The Cubs won the first game 6-2, but the Phillies came back to cop the nightcap 7-4.

ON THE SPOT



MAX ROHWER
Former Sergeant

Any one having a yen to observe perpetual motion in operation—or a very reasonable facsimile thereof—might walk down to the wash rack at the PX Service Station and watch Max Rohwer go through his daily chores on washing and waxing the cars of his customers.

It was away back in 1942 while Max was working on a construction project that Uncle Sam wrote him the letter so frequently in the mails in those days. Max landed in the infantry and wore the uniform for the next five years. His particular outfit was Co. "L"; 317th Inf. 80th Division of the Third Army. It was a fighting outfit and along the Siegfried Line on 6 September 1944 Max was hit in the head, arm, hand and leg and he spent the next 44 months in the hospital.

Max came to Letterman from McCornack and stayed with us for nine months before he was discharged from the service. Prior to that time he had tried OT in both the remedial and diversional sections and felt he needed more to do to keep him busy. He asked for the privilege of washing cars and did so well at that task that he was retained as a regular member of the service station staff.

He is happiest when he is working and he is always happy because he is always working and that brings us back to where we started this story about Max. It has been said that he takes time out for meals and he quits only when the boss comes along with the keys at the end of the day and threatens to lock him in for the night.

You know, we really think he would be very happy to work all night too.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Hilda Mansfield, Ward M-1, is entertaining her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Holter, who are visiting here from Minneapolis.

Jim Sharp, Finance, enjoyed a short vacation at Santa Cruz recently and was pleased to find that favorite vacation spot wasn't too crowded during his stay.

After four and one half years service at Letterman **Marjorie Hecht** of the Information Office is resigning to take up the duties of a housewife. She will be missed by her many friends and with her go the best wishes of all.

Alta Lee, Out-Patient Service, will visit her sister in Sacramento for three weeks.

Ted Cox of the Orthopedic Section heard there was a run of fish at Ocean Beach one day so he hurried out there but—his line broke before he was able to catch any fish and Mr. Cox went home a disappointed man.

Phyllis Solon, Military Personnel, visited Russian River recently but she was not pleased with the visit due to the miserable weather.

The PX Grill is still closed for alterations but Lil Jones and Emmy Knepp still get their mid-morning coffee—at the "Y."

We regret to hear of the illness of **Marjorie Granger's** husband, **Carl**, who was flown from Saipan to Oak Knoll Hospital for an emergency operation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

David Lerner, formerly Corporal Lerner of the Record Room, paid a brief visit to Letterman last week. David is on his way from Missouri to the University of Southern California.

LaNetta Woodward, Payroll Section, is visiting her mother in Idaho. LaNetta is awaiting orders that will enable her to join her husband "Tommy" who is now stationed in Manila.

Equilibrium of balance of power is essential in the world, both within the framework of the United Nations and outside it. Balance of power really means that men who want to live in a society of law, of justice, rather than in a world ruled by force, recognize that adjustment between differing ways of life and different forms of government requires constant negotiations and continuing effort to prevent frictions from needlessly developing into conflict.—**James Forrestal**.

THELMA CAN TELL WHAT CAN BE TOLD ABOUT THE ATOM BOMB PLANT



Mrs. THELMA HOPPER
The loudspeaker told the story

Mrs. Thelma Hopper, who is now on the clerical staff of the Letterman laundry, began her business life with a "mystery job," and worked on it for nearly two years before she knew the purpose of the work. In August 1945 the employees were told to listen to the radio loudspeakers in the plant and they would learn what they had been working on. That day the first atom bomb was dropped on Japan.

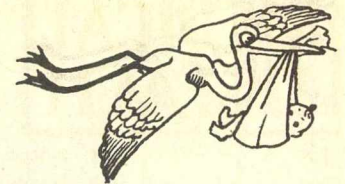
Thelma was born in Jefferson City, Tennessee, and shortly after graduating from the high school there, she answered an ad signed by the Eastman Company. She thought her work would concern photographic equipment. After six weeks special clerical training, she went to work at the atom bomb plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in October 1943. Part of her time was spent in clerical duties, the rest in the plant's process department. She was there until the plant closed in January 1947. During that time she earned the rating of "A" operator, and trained new girls for the work. She lived in one of the girls' dormitories at Oak Ridge.

While she was living in Oak

Ridge, Thelma met Staff Sergeant F. M. Hopper, who was there on a visit to his family during a furlough from his station at Camp Stoneman. They became engaged, and were married in March 1947. Meanwhile Sergeant Hopper had been transferred to Letterman, where he is assigned to Medical Supply. Thelma came back to California with him, and shortly afterward began working in the Laundry here. She says she enjoys her job here very much, because "typing was one of my favorite subjects in school, and I do a lot of typing here."

While she was at Oak Ridge, Thelma became interested in bowling, which is now her favorite sport. She played on the team there, and worked up to high score position. Since she has come to California she has added horseback riding and bicycling to her list of "likes," and she and her husband also see lots of movies.

The Hoppers went home to Tennessee on a trip last December, and are now planning another for October. This time they will be going by car, since they expect to buy one in the near future.



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Orlando R. Olona, a boy, **Orlando Jerome**, born 29 June.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Clyde T. Morgan, a girl, **Susan Ann**, born 29 June.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Clair F. Leach, a boy, **Clair Lorence**, born 29 June.

To Cpl. and Mrs. William P. Montoya, a boy, **Guillermo Felipe, Jr.**, born 29 June.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Charles R. Denver, a girl, **Linda Joyce**, born 30 June.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Frederick Thomas Kiernan, a boy, **James Thomas**, born 30 June.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Dennis Oliver McLain, a boy, **Dennis Oliver, Jr.**, born 30 June.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. George E. Joyce, a boy, **Mark**, born 1 July.

To Captain and Mrs. Arthur Bonham, twin girls, **Jo Ellyn** and **Jean Ann** born 1 July 1948

To Corporal and Mrs. Eugene Clare Dodd, a boy, **Dewey Jene**, born 1 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Merel Gould, a boy, **Ronald Louis**, born 2 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Jackie H. Moore, a boy, **Alan Michael**, born 2 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur Claude Reynolds, a girl, **Claudette Lee**, born 3 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John J. Watt, a boy, **John Alan**, born 3 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. James L. Baker, a boy, **James Alfred**, born 4 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Roland W. Garner, a boy, **Randolph Patrick**, born 5 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. George E. Ison, a girl, **Gretchen Elizabeth**, born 5 July.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John M. Cook, a girl, **Virginia Anne**, born 6 July.

To Corporal and Mrs. John Herrera, a boy, **Johnnie Alan**, born 6 July.

To Captain and Mrs. Wayne K. Hinkle, a boy, **James Bruce**, born 8 July.

To Corporal and Mrs. Frank L. Threath, a boy, **Cleo Lee**, born 8 July.

Our topkick is proud of his offspring. Said he: "Junior always passes—teachers refuse to have him in their classroom two years."

MEDICAL DETACH

Physical Reconditioning Notes:
Corporal **Norbert "Nub" Opitz** played four years of college football and two years of professional football without being injured and now he breaks his arm playing, as he describes it, "an old maids game." Softball, that is. S/Sgt. **David "Blackie" Blackburn**, the man who tries to fry hard-boiled eggs, is on a 30-day furlough to his home in Kentucky. According to some of the "buddies" of Pfc. Jim Mayes, he has a very sad look these days. The rumor is that Jim is mooning over his girl in Texas. Doesn't effect his sleeping though. T/5 **William Hooker** was born and reared in Montana but cannot absorb enough information on the subject. Bill is a voracious reader on "subjects literary, Montana."

Sergeant **John Lamanski**, who has been taking treatments at Walter Reed General Hospital, is back with us again. John was formerly with Special Services Branch but has now been assigned to the Military Police Detachment. Welcome back to "Youse" John, Brooklyn accent and all.

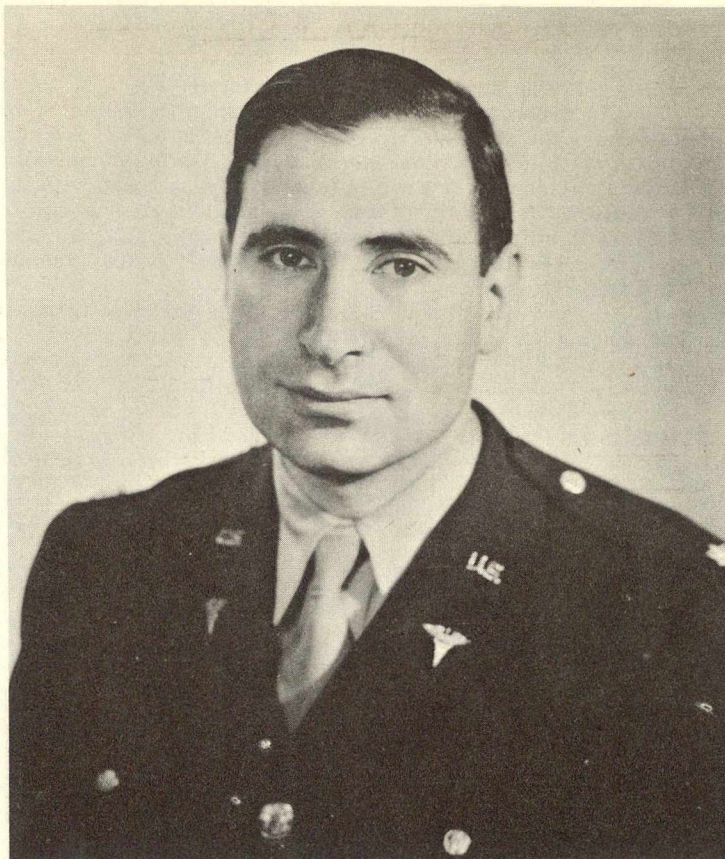
Congrats to **Otis Poindexter** of the Records Section of his promotion from T/5 to Sergeant.

Troop I & E Notes: T/4 **Edward Sans** finally got out from behind the filing cabinet. Ed had a sign "rigged up" with an arrow and his name printed on it pointing to where he was in defilade behind the cabinet. T/4 **Charles "Monte" Catterlin** has returned to the old grind after a three-day pass to his home in Los Angeles.

Furlough Notes: T/Sgt. **Russell Cox** of the Publications Section is leaving Monday on a 15-day furlough. Russell plans to visit his brother in New Mexico. M/Sgt. **Frank "Willie" Williams** of the Pharmacy is now basking his 275 lb. frame in the "famous" Southern California sunshine. Willie is on a 30-day furlough at his home in Pasadena.

Due to lack of space it is impossible to print the names of all the "new" men who arrived at Letterman this week so we will just say welcome to all of them.

PENICILLIN PRESENTS NO PROBLEM TO OUR PERIPATETIC PATHOLOGIST



Major HELMUTH SPRINZ, MC
Chief, Pathology Section, Laboratory Service

All during the long months while Colonel Ken Ernst, Chief of the Lab Service, was back in Washington absorbing higher education in his specialty, the local lab functioned so smoothly that few knew of the absence of the chief.

Those few knew that Major Helmuth Sprinz, assistant to Col. Ernst, was acting as the boss man and he let the outfit run on its own momentum, which is good policy with any well organized unit, and the Letterman lab is just that.

Major Sprinz is a native of Berlin and took his degree in medicine at the University of Berlin, which was followed by post graduate study in Switzerland. He came to the United States in 1936 and held an internship at Sydenham Hospital in New York City, before delving into his specialty of pathologic research.

In 1943 the major was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps and assigned to Halloran General Hospital on Staten Island where he initiated a research program on penicillin and streptomycin

and special studies were made of the effect of blot volume in chronic shock, and the overall effect from war wounds. He and his group stayed close to the program for four years and the hospital had already ceased its active existence when Major Sprinz emerged from the lab and turned over the keys to the state authorities. He was the last army officer to leave the hospital but it is not true that he had buried himself so deeply in research that he was forgotten in the general exodus. He says he knew about it all the time but just wanted to complete the last experiment.

Major Sprinz came to Letterman in April of last year and has been assistant to the Chief of the Laboratory service since that time. He was integrated into the Regular Army in June 1946, and before that he was honored as a diplomat of the American Board of Anatomic Pathology in 1943.

The major is a bachelor and at the moment enjoying a brief leave of absence at Carmel. He left no phone number.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

Hospital Car 89464 arrived this week from Percy Jones General Hospital and from all reports of the attending personnel the trip was a very pleasant one. Patients aboard were surprised at the added comforts a Hospital Car has over commercial railroad cars.

M/Sgt. **George Washburn** finally received some relief from his arduous work in the Evacuation Office and made use of a three day pass to travel to Chico and bring back his family who were vacationing there.

Sgt. **Donald Chah's** health has been improving steadily this week since a certain WAC received her discharge from the army and went home. Lack of sleep certainly made an old man out of a young man prior to her departure.

Gloomy and dejected was T/5 **Edward Ferguson** when he saw the Hospital Car leave without him. He had been planning for months to take another trip to anywhere.

T/Sgt. **Granville Kirksey** was alerted for overseas last week by the Adjutant General. He is an old timer in this unit and we hate to see him go.

Capt. Robert Allen left last Sunday on a 20-day leave. He plans to beautify his newly purchased home.

T/Sgt. **Melvin Drasher** is using his tour of night CQ intelligently. In the wee hours of morning you will see him studying for his reserve commission and also some subjects of higher learning.

Sunday was a happy day for 1st Sgt. **Tea Garland** when his favorite Oakland baseball team went ahead of the San Francisco Seals. There is some similarity between Tea's cheering and Casey Stengel's jeering

Library

"The World Is Not Enough" is the title of Zoe Oldenbourg's new novel of medieval life. It's good; you'll enjoy the scenes of hunting, feasting, tournaments, family feuds, and the dazzling mirage of the Crusades. If you are one of the many who think this period of history the most colorful of all you'll get a double enjoyment. In the Library.

Troop Information And Education

Adult education is as old as civilization. In fact, for many centuries after the idea of education came into being, and means of education were developed, it was entirely adult education. More recently we have developed a multi-varied life and the adjustments to it involve more than "growing up." Modern education, while more readily associated with children, has definitely increased the scope of adult education. In 1926 there was formed The American Association for Adult Education. Accompanying the program was experimentation, research, and consolidation of adult education.

Since that time, aroused public opinion has been expressed in a growing demand for adult education and an increasing response to activities which have been offered by many public and private organizations.

When the United States Armed Forces Institute was organized, it recognized that the word "adult" in the term adult education is not used to indicate age, but rather a stage of maturity which expresses itself in voluntary activity. Today among the hundreds of courses offered are many which are designed for the adult individual.

USAFI offers two types of courses. The self-teaching texts may be obtained at the Troop I and E Office immediately. These are paper bound textbooks especially prepared as Education Manuals that contain study suggestions and self-examination questions (with answers) in addition to the usual ordinary textbook materials. They are designed to help the student study without the aid of an instructor and without submitting lessons for review and correction.

The correspondence courses consist of a number of booklets or a study guide and one or more standard texts. In studying these courses the student prepares lesson assignments to send to USAFI for lesson service. Lesson service includes not only a grading of papers, but also an indication to the student as to where errors have been made. The instructor makes individual comments and suggestions to aid the student.



By Armed Forces Press Service

Olympic hopefuls from all parts of the nation, including representatives from the Armed Forces everywhere, recently journeyed to Boston to clash in the United States Olympic Boxing Finals. Your reporter was elected to trek along to Boston Gardens Arena with this greatest array of boxing talent since pre-war days. And, after witnessing 24 bouts, all between champions in their own right, we hasten to assure one and all that there is a no more difficult or heart-rending way to win worldly acclaim.

These 81 fighters, 16 of them victors in Armed Forces tournaments, were all striving to obtain the ultimate goal of every amateur—a berth on the U.S. Olympic Team. When the final gong had sounded, four servicemen held number-one positions. One Army, one Air Force and two Navy fighters, plus an Army alternate, will be among the 16 athletes to receive that boat ticket to England this summer.

Boston, always a supporter of boxing but never before the scene of an Olympic elimination, turned all out for the event, this in the midst of a fierce two-day heat wave. Before the tournament ended, sweltering fighters and fans alike were stewing in their own juice.

After arriving and rubbing elbows with numerous Army and Navy trainers, we finally succeeded in talking with the ten Armed Forces boxers to reach the semi-finals . . . the sole survivors of 67,000 entrants in the various Army, Navy and Air Force tournaments.

Highlighted by one knock-out, the fisticuffs kept a hair-trigger crowd in suspense until the last bell sounded. Many favored ringmen, four of them AAU champs, met more formidable adversaries prior to the final tally. The lone Kayo was chalked up by the lethal right smashes of **Cpl. Washington Jones**, AF ground-crew middleweight from Westover AF Base, Mass. The Lovejoy, Ill., Negro, definitely the favorite fighter in the house, clinched the middleweight victory when he stopped dancing **Frank Daniels**, Bakersfield, Cal., at the second round's 33-second marker. Jones, winner of 133 out of 136 fights previously had held the Central Pacific, Pacific Ocean Area and Seabee Welter titles while in the Navy. He presently wears the Eastern Air Force Middle Crown.

The only All-Service classic was the Welter battle waged between **Pfc. Ross Virgo**, and **Sailor Horace Herring**. Virgo, from Rochester, N. Y., and the 16th Constabulary in Germany, lost the final nod to the 24-year-old Ship's Steward. After a fairly even two rounds, the Florida sailor piled up points in the third with a solid avalanche of body blows that outclassed the tiring Virgo.

A fast and fierce Bantamweight contest ended with **Bill Bossio**, Naval offering in the 118-pound class, in the number one slot. The curly-haired aggressor from Pittsburgh and the Cruiser Albany puzzled and beat **James Mitchell**, Oakland, Cal., with a three round succession of lefts and rights.

Not to leave the Army unheralded, **Pfc. Edward Johnson**, Kansas City featherweight, came through next by trouncing **Douglas Ellwood** of La. State U. Service contestants in the Heavy, Light Heavy, Fly, and Lightweight classes had all been eliminated before the semis. These included Heavyweights **Charlie Norcus**, Marine Corps slugger, and **John Bochnicka**, of the Army, both early favorites to survive.

Two semi-finals clashes, in the Flyweight and Middleweight events, ran close seconds in spectator interest. In the former, fans cheered on 112 lb. **James Quinn**, popular Great Lakes entrant, even after he was outpointed by the eventual champ, Philadelphian **Frank Sodano**. The 17-year-old sailor fought with a cocky, personable style that quickly won support from the galleries.

The other popular bout, in which **Frank Daniels** outboxed the Army's **Austin Jones**, was lauded because of its stellar exhibition of weaving, bobbing, and superlative footwork.

Other servicemen going down in the semis were **Sailor Dosens Oliver**, Light Heavy; **T/5 Richard Abasial** in the 118-pound struggle; and Flyweight **William Selanik** from the Tokio QM Base.

The 16 fighters that will represent the U.S. are now at West Point, in training before the final hop to England this summer. From the one consistent quality evidenced in Boston, a spirit of clean fighting, we can be sure that these men, win or lose, will continue to uphold our American reputation as good sportsmen and clean, rugged fighters.

"My boy friend doesn't smoke, drink or swear."
"Hmmm, does he make all his own dresses?"

Drill Sergeant: "Every time I look at you recruits, I feel that I'm beating the Government out of its entertainment tax."

Answering the Veterans' Queries

Veterans Administration has inaugurated a comprehensive follow-up program designed to increase the value of hospital treatment of thousands of veterans suffering from tuberculosis and to protect the health of their families and the public.

More than 13,000 veterans suffering from tuberculosis now are under care of the VA, including 1,643 in the VA Branch 12 area, which includes California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii. A total of 80,763 veterans are receiving compensation or pensions for tuberculosis.

VA's follow-up program is designed to discover relapses among tuberculosis sufferers early so that further treatment may be instituted promptly. It further is designed to help prevent advanced disease and thus contribute toward the safeguarding of others through the control of communicable tuberculosis.

VA's responsibility for the care of tuberculous patients does not terminate when veterans are discharged from hospital treatment, officials explained. All patients require further examinations; some will need further treatment, and others will require a period of rehabilitation before they resume normal activities.

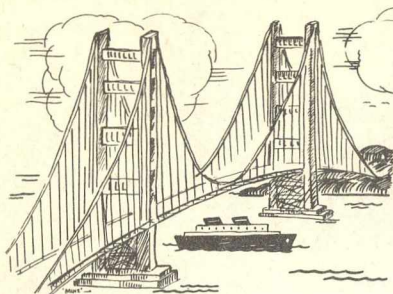
Each veteran-patient, before he is discharged from the hospital, will be fully advised what to do to assist in keeping the disease under control. Among other things, he will be urged to report at regular intervals for X-rays, fluorescent examinations, sputum tests, or other necessary checks or treatment.

Veterans with service-connected cases of tuberculosis can be handled, generally, in the outpatient departments of VA regional offices or hospitals without the necessity of admission to hospitals.

These service-connected cases, however, may obtain the services of qualified physicians or of recognized institutions near their homes for this follow-up care if they are authorized to do so before hand by VA.

Library

"Nothing Ever Happens Sunday Morning" is the title of Blanche Cannon's new book. But everything happened in Bishop Benson's family on one fateful Sunday morning; things that startled and upset the quiet little Mormon community. In the Library.



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More Nurses Sought For Expanded Army And Air Forces

Expansion of the strength of the Army and Air Force, authorized by the 80th Congress, has resulted in an acute need for nurses to minister to the health needs of the 947,000-man Army and the 502,000-man Air Force authorized under the Selective Service Act.

Estimated Army Nurse strength by June 30, 1949, on duty, to keep up with minimum requirements, has been set by the Surgeon General's office at 7,600. Now on duty are 4,200 nurses, at stations around the world, a strength already 1,500 short of present needs and 3,400 in arrears of requirements a year hence. About 400 more are estimated to be lost in that time by attrition.

Civilian and Army nurses were requested this year to join the Army Nurse Reserve Corps, and Reserve appointments to July 8, 1948, totalled 7,421. During June, 1,638 were appointed.

Questionnaires are being prepared in the Surgeon General's office to be mailed to all holders of Reserve commissions asking whether they would accept active duty of one, two or three years. Forms for making applications will accompany the questionnaire.

In addition to the reserve component, which is attempting to get up to a strength of 29,000 in Fiscal Year 1949, there remain some 800 vacancies in the Regular Army Nurse Corps as yet to be filled.

Nurse losses due to completion of tours of active duty since January



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS
The Surgeon General of the Army
Who initiated the present residency training program
for the Medical Department

1, 1948, numbered 1,100 while only 500 have been recalled to duty during the same period.

In order to make the Army's needs possible of fulfillment without endangering the health of the civilian populace by shortage of civilian nurses, the Army has been assisting the American Hospital Association in a drive to get some 50,000 young women who graduated from high school this spring to enter nurses' training.

"When Congress passed the recent draft law," Surgeon General Raymond W. Bliss stated, "medical care and precautions for soldier health were made a mandatory part of the law. These can only be assured by competent medical staffing of which the nurse procurement program is a vital part.

Another Birthday Rolls Around for Medical Department

Tuesday of next week will mark the 173rd anniversary of the establishment of the Army Medical Department and here at Letterman the "birthday" will be commemorated by a full program of work as usual.

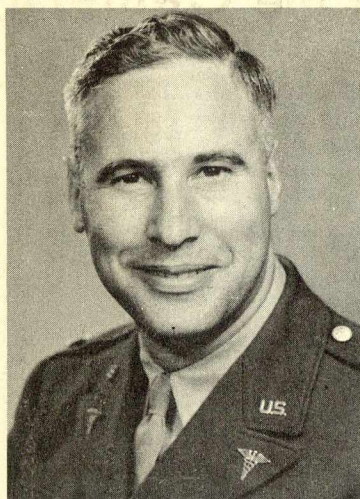
Now a world wide organization of high achievement, the Army Medical Department began its existence through an act of the Continental Congress in 1775 during the days of the original 13 colonies. Its establishment was largely due to the insistence of General George Washington, according to the official records.

From a small beginning the Medical Department expanded during World War II to a personnel strength of more than 600,000 and accomplished vertiable miracles in scientific advancement in the care of the sick and wounded.

Although our troops were scattered over the world in disease ridden areas and exposed to highly destructive weapons the health of the army was better than at any time in history. Despite the enormous number of battle wounds army surgeons saved 96 out of every 100 wounded men who were admitted to army hospitals.

The impressive accomplishments of the Medical Department in World War II have added to the prestige of the army as an agency for the promotion of scientific progress. It has been said that World War II might easily be remembered throughout history not for its battles and destruction, but rather for some of the scientific developments that resulted from the conflict. As an instance, no cases of yellow fever occurred in the army during the entire period of World War II.

Over 1000 Admissions Annually on Orthopedic Service



RALPH E. REINER
Lieut. Col., MC
Assistant Chief

Letterman, widely known as the best hospital in the Army, has every reason to be particularly proud of its Orthopedic Service, which ranks with the best of similar services anywhere in the hospital field. We feel that our people, so close to the scene, would be interested in learning more about its activities.

Over 1000 patients are admitted annually on the service, with an average census of 350 patients, and 450 beds are available for orthopedic patients. Approximately 1000 major and 1500 minor operations are performed each year.

Admissions in 1947 totaled 1305; dispositions 1148. There were 1062 in-patient consultations and 1674

out-patient consultations. More than 100 amputations were performed in 1947.

The out-patient service for orthopedic cases averages approximately 2500 visits a year, including follow-up visits.

The service is under the direction of Colonel Oral B. Bolibaugh, MC, diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, and is comprised of six sections. These are: General Orthopedic, Septic Orthopedic, Fracture, Hand, Plastic and Amputee.

The service is charged with the care of diseases and injuries of the

are cared for on ward D-1. Officer bed patients are treated on ward D-2. Ward E-1 is given over to septic orthopedic bed-patient cases. Ward E-2 is the traction ward, where major fractures are treated. A large number of beds on the women's ward, P-1, are assigned to the Orthopedic Service. Ward 42 is the amputee ward, and septic cases and convalescent cases are cared for on wards 29, 30 and 31.

The professional staff of the Orthopedic Service includes an assigned staff of 14 Medical Corps officers, an attending staff of seven civilian consultants and a rotating



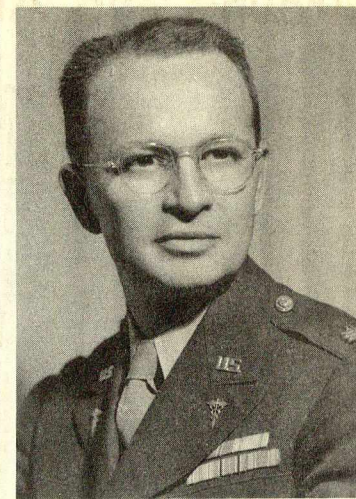
Colonel ORAL B. BOLIBAUGH, MC
Chief of Letterman's Orthopedic Service

musculoskeletal system, including fractures (excepting skull fractures), amputations, hand surgery, plastic surgery and bone tumors. Orthopedic cases are treated on twelve wards at Letterman, eight in the main hospital and four in the East hospital. These wards are: A-2, B-2, C-2, D-1, D-2, E-1, E-2, P-1, 29, 30, 31 and 42.

Orthopedic ambulatory cases (officers) are treated on ward A-2; plastic cases on ward B-2. Ward C-2 is the hand ward. Pre- and post-operative and acute fracture cases

staff of internes. The civilian consultants, with the exception of one who is on the staff of Peralta Hospital in Oakland, are all faculty members of the University of California or Stanford University Medical Schools.

The thirteen Medical Corps officers who serve under Colonel Bolibaugh are: Lieut. Col. Ralph E. Reiner, assistant chief; Lieut. Col. S. J. Ritchey, chief of Septic Orthopedic Section, Hand Section and Officers' Section; Lieut. Col. A. W. Shiflet, Ward Officer, A-2 and D-2;



S. J. RITCHEY
Lieut. Col., MC
Chief, Septic Orthopedic Station

Major Walter N. Jensen, Chief, Amputee Section and Convalescent Section; Major Henry M. Johnson, Ward Officer, 30 and 42; Major William B. Lewis, Ward Officer, E-2; Captain P. M. Beegel, Ward Officer, D-1; Captain R. A. Juel, Ward Officer, 31; Captain D. E. Ramsey, Section Chief, Acute Fracture Section; Captain E. M. Thomason, Ward Officer, C-2; First Lieut. John M. Perry, Ward Officer, E-1; First Lieut. J. T. H. Johnson, assistant Ward Officer, E-2; First Lieut. Arthur U. Rivin, assistant Ward Officer, 29.

Two Administrative Assistants are assigned to the Orthopedic Service.
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A. W. SHIFLET
Lieut. Col., MC
Ward Officer, A-2 and D-2



WALTER N. JENSEN
Major, MC
Chief, Amputee Section

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



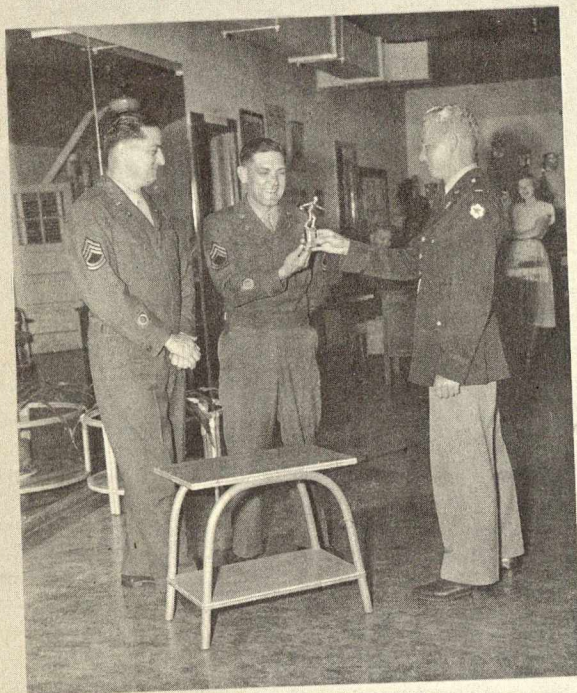
HAPPY OCCASION

Brig. Gen. Dean F. Winn poses with the six nurses to whom he has just presented certificates for completion of the course in Operating Room Technique and Management. L to R: Capt. Edith A. Graham, Capt. Nora C. Haselmire, Capt. S. Margaret Kowaleski, General Winn, Capt. Kathryn C. Stuwe, Capt. Margaret E. Tollefson, First Lieut. Mary P. Toudouze.



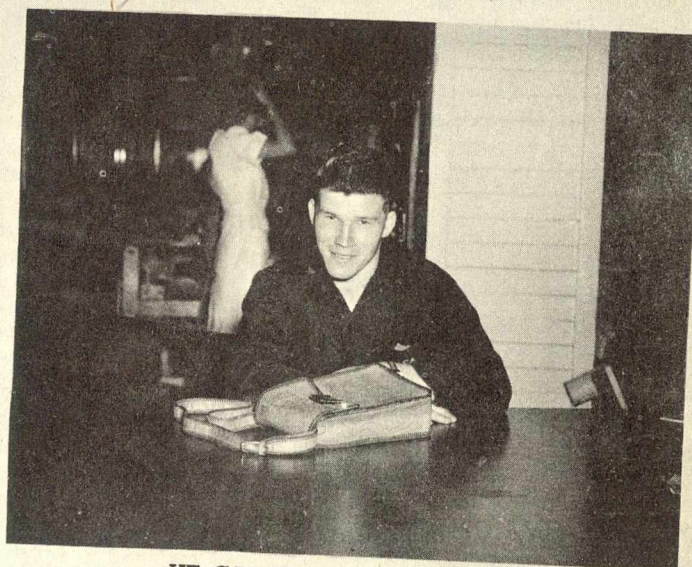
TWIN SILVER BARS

Colonel Kermit H. Gates, deputy commander, pins captain's bars on Captain Christine Coletti, ANC, while Lieut. Col. Elsie Schneider, Chief Nurse, looks on.



BOWLING TROPHIES

were awarded recently by First Lieut. Oliver Rajala of Convalescent Services to the bowlers with highest individual scores at LGH. L to R: T-Sgt. Charles Wilcox, high score; T-Sgt. Walter A. Yohe, second high.



HE CAN POINT WITH PRIDE

Pvt. Clyde W. Sullivan, patient on ward 29, has every reason to be proud of the handsome leather handbag he made in the Occupational Therapy Shop here. He will be leaving soon for his home in Mississippi, and is taking the bag along as a gift for "the" girl.

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EDITORIAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On Tuesday next the Army Medical Department will commemorate the 173rd anniversary of its foundation as a part of the Continental Army. Like that army it had a modest beginning, and again like that army, it has matched its growth into what we have today.

The Army can look back on splendid achievements during the late war, and the Medical Department looks back on accomplishments unparalleled in medical history.

But today the Medical Department, unwilling to be content with the well won laurels, is looking forward to the future and the problems the days and years ahead may bring in matters of health and sanitation.

The Medical Department is sponsoring a training program destined to maintain the highest standards of professional skill for the care of the men and women of the armed forces, and if there is any one thing which could really make this a happy birthday for the department it is the knowledge that the best in medical science is now available to the patients in our hospitals.



First Lieut. Anna Silber, ANC, whose name in private life since her recent marriage is Mrs. Gerald Cooper, was the guest of honor this week at a bridal shower given by a group of her ANC friends. Scene of the festivities was the Nurses Recreation Hall.

First Lieut. Beatrice "Sandy" Sandhoff of Physical Therapy had a birthday last week and among her most prized gifts are two more bracelets to add to her fast-growing collection. One came from Siam and one from Germany. Lieut. Sandhoff says she hasn't counted the bracelets in her collection lately, but she thinks she now has about 25 of them. No, she doesn't wear them all at once, but it would be fun to try it.

A welcome goes this week to three newcomers on the Army Nurse Corps staff. Captain Jeanine H. Peterson arrived recently from Fort Sam Houston; First Lieut. Mary H. Ambrosini is back from overseas duty with the 49th Medical General Hospital in Tokyo, and First Lieut. Margaret Knox has just returned from Korea, where she was stationed at the 71st Station Hospital.

First Lieut. Jean M. Hawkins of the dietitians staff has been alerted for overseas duty in the European Command. She will be leaving Letterman sometime in September.

Captain Vida Buehler, chief of Physical Therapy, was mistress of ceremonies at the Letterman Officers Club bingo party this week, and her house guest, Miss Catherine Schmanska, was one of the lucky winners of the evening. Miss Schmanska, who is a retired Army nurse, is also a former Letterman nurse. She now makes her home in Los Angeles.

First Lieut. Marie B. Miller, ANC, is at present on leave, and upon her return will be transferred to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington for a special course of neuropsychiatric study.

Captain Margaret E. Tollefson, ANC, will be going home to Gorham, Maine during her forthcoming 35-day leave.

WAC

Wedding bells rang last Saturday, 17 July, for S/Sgt. Dorothy Gustafson and Sgt. Okey D. Coleman, both of the Message Center. They went downtown to get their marriage license and on the spur of the moment decided to be married then and there. There was one slight complication—the bride had CQ that evening, but a fellow-WAC agreed to take her place, so all was well.

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Get-well wishes go this week to S/Sgt. Lou A. Hedding, temporarily here on recruiting duty, who is at present a Letterman patient.

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Three former Letterman WACs seem to be missing Army life already, judging from cards received from them by friends in the detachment. All three are at their homes in the East—and it still seems strange to them to be known now as Miss Henrietta Callari, Miss Jessie Pekarski and Miss Margaret Burns.

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T/4 Henrietta Zuzga left for Detroit, Michigan this week on a 30-day emergency leave.

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S/Sgt. Rose Ruscak is one of those lucky people who successfully gave up smoking. She says she stopped before the habit got too strong a grip on her.

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A recent barracks discussion led to a number of nominations for Letterman WACs own hit parade of songs, to wit: T/4 Pauline Smith, "There's a Tree in the Meadow;" T/Sgt. Leslie Roach, "She's Too Fat For Me;" Sgt. Carolyn Wirt, "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles;" T/4 Betty Wugan, "I Wish I had the Wings of an Angel;" T/3 Lee Witkowski, "The Wild Blue Yonder;" T/3 Chris McConnell, "Haunted Heart;" T/3 Aletha Birchfield, the treader song from "Carmen."

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Thoughts she was married in May, Captain R. M. Ammon of Orthopedic Service hasn't been known by her new name here at Letterman until this week, when the proper orders came through. Her husband is Edwin Dana McAllister, so when the Orthopedic phone is answered "Captain McAllister speaking," listeners may recognize the voice but not the name.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday 25 July, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

General Hillman Honored by Award Of British Empire

Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, U. S. Army, retired, former commanding general at Letterman, and at present Director of Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida, was recently honored by the British government for services rendered to repatriated British prisoners of war who were cared for at Letterman during the general's tenure of command.

The award of the insignia of an Honorary Commander of the Military Division of Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, by order of His Majesty, King George VI, was presented to General Hillman by the British Consul at ceremonies held in Miami.

The British former prisoners of war were released from the Japanese prison camps and returned to this country with those of our soldiers who had shared their imprisonment. All of the repatriates passed through Letterman early in 1945.

Letters of commendation were subsequently despatched from His British Imperial Majesty to the War Department in appreciation for the treatment received by British soldiers while here, and War Department citations were awarded to General Hillman, Colonel Brown S. McClintic, then Deputy Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, then Executive Officer, and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Chief, Chaplains branch, for their participation in the reception and treatment of the former prisoners of war.

ON THE SPOT



JESSE E. PICKRELL
Corporal

Corporal Jesse E. Pickrell of the Military Police Detachment first entered the service on 15 June 1943 at Los Angeles, Jim, as he is known around Letterman, took his basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Fort Benning, Georgia. He then attended Parachute School there. He graduated, but due to a leg injury suffered in training, he wasn't physically qualified to join an airborne unit immediately, so was sent to the 87th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

He went overseas in September 1944 with the 87th and shortly thereafter was able, since he had recovered from his injury, to join the 101st Airborne just in time to make the jump into Holland. He later took part in the invasion of France, and after that beachhead was established he was at Rheims until the division was committed during the Battle of the Bulge.

Jim was wounded at Bastogne, Belgium, and was evacuated to a hospital in England. After 10 months there he was declared limited service and he enlisted in the Regular Army, Corps of Military Police. He attended M. P. School in Germany, and was assigned to the 796th M.P. Battalion in Vienna, Austria.

He returned to the States in October 1947 and was sent to McCormack General Hospital to undergo treatment for his combat injury. When he was discharged from McCormack last January he was assigned to duty at Letterman.

Jim was born in Alicia, Arkansas, but he calls California his home since he came here when he was four years old. After his graduation from high school in Ritter, California, he worked as a carpenter.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Major John B. Harding of ward D-2 has converted his flying status to "wheelmobile" status. Everything, (well, almost everything) he did in an airplane he now does in his wheelmobile. Nowhere is he barred from entering; all doors swing open at his approach.

Pfc. Donald Sasek of ward F-2, who is widely known for his color pictures of Korea, was given a sleep-inducing injection the other day in preparation for an operation. Shortly thereafter it was found that the operation was unnecessary, and when Donald awoke he was happy to learn that he was not a post-op case after all.

Report has it that of late Lieut. Ernest "Swanee" Swanson of ward D-2 has been setting a good behavior example for everyone on the ward. He maintains that his better nature has triumphed, and that henceforth conformity is the watchword.

Lieut. Harry Lawler of ward D-2 has been entertaining his fellow patients recently with reminiscences of his school days. Whether this is prompted by a longing for the return of old times is not known, but his "takeoff's on teachers I have annoyed" are becoming famous.

Pfc. Richard Eyestone of ward E-1 has the reputation among his friends of emulating the virtues of those three well-known monekys: "See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil." In addition to possessing these fine traits of character, Richard is a student, and when he is at work he's oblivious to all those around him, amazing everyone with his powers of concentration.

Captain David A. Nebel and Lieut. Charles H. Gibson, both of ward A-2, are known as Letterman's two inseparables. Wherever one goes the other is sure to follow like a shadow. At present Lieut. Gibson is marking time until he can change from patient to civilian status, and return to his first love, farming.

Speaking of farming, another Lettermanite who is avidly interested in that occupation is Sgt. Leo S.

He likes sports of all kinds and is an avid photography fan. He plans to make the Army his career.

Kean of ward 41. Upon his discharge from the Army, which is to be in the near future, he plans to go to Arizona and buy a farm near Tucson where he will raise ducks. He also intends to raise enough beef, fruit and vegetables to supply his own needs. Besides this he wants to experiment with radio. He now owns a Halli-crafter radio which is valued at over \$300.

T/4 Ellis McDiffett of ward 40, who is in the Receiving Office when not on patient status, insists that there is really something wrong with him, and he is hurt when his friends hint that he got a little tired of working. He says his favorite occupation just now is thinking about that happy date when he will become a civilian again. It has been noted in the past that those who meditate most on the future joys of civilian life are the very ones most eager to take advantage of what the recruiting sergeant has to offer.

Maybe McDiffett should have a chat with Pfc Charles Martin of ward E-1. People who know him well say recruiting duty would be a natural for him. One of his favorite topics of conversation is the advantages of Army life.

It seems this column had a mistaken idea about the ambitions of Pfc. Frank Watts of ward 3. He does not want to go in for M.P. duty. He likes to devote his energies to singing and whistling, and of course that can be remunerative too, on occasion. Frank likes church hymns and western songs. He's always on hand at the community sings held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Recreation hall.

A representative of the Troop Information and Education office will be on hand two days a week—Tuesdays and Thursdays—in the Recreation Center to answer queries about the USAFI program. Copies of USAFI textbooks will be available so that those interested can examine them before signing up for courses.

T/5 Charles Bansen of ward 28 came to the Quiz Show one morning this week, but didn't stay to answer questions. After one sip of coffee he rushed out. Could be mike fright?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



PATRICIA WARD
Second Lieutenant, ANC

Second Lieut. Patricia Ward, recent addition to the Army Nurse Corps staff at Letterman, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, but didn't remain long enough to develop a Scotch burr in her speech, since she came to the United States with her parents before she was three years old.

She grew up in Waterbury, Connecticut, and that is still her home town. She received her training as a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital Waterbury. She had special additional training in pediatrics, and later worked as supervisor at St. Agnes' Hospital in West Hartford, Connecticut.

After spending nearly two years in the field of civilian nursing, Lieut Ward decided to try Army life. After induction she worked at Brooke General Hospital for a seven-week period, then went to the Medical Service Field School at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, for the eight-week basic training course.

Lieut. Ward reports that nearly half of those who were in basic training class with her asked for assignment to Letterman, and she was happy to be one of the lucky three who got the coveted LGH assignment. She has now been here about two weeks, and after working for a brief time on ward N-1, has been assigned to ward H, where she can use her training in pediatrics.

Lieut. Ward enjoys travel, and she wants to see as much as possible of the California scene as soon as possible. Her favorite leisure time diversions are dancing and swimming.

CIVIL CIRCLES

From the Sick & Wounder Office comes the news that **Lee Kissinger** resigned and will make her home in Los Angeles. Lee is now visiting her mother in Salt Lake City before joining her husband "down South."

During their six weeks vacation **Joe Marea**, **Brace Shop**, and wife, **Eulalia**, took three different trips. They traveled to Oregon where they spent two weeks, **Lake Tahoe** claimed one week, while **Los Angeles**, **San Luis Obispo**, and **Carmel** took two more. The last week was spent painting their apartment.

Virginia Smith and her mother, **Mrs. Boyd Smith**, sailed Sunday, 18 July, for **Hawaii** where they will join her father, **Col. Boyd Smith**, at his new station in **Honolulu**.

A visit to the Main Post Exchange brings forth the news that everyone is counting the days when the last nail will be driven in by the carpenters. They are accustomed to the noise, but they still don't like it. **Mrs. Alice Thompson**, manager of the PX, hopes to be in her new office by the end of this week. She and her husband plan to spend their coming vacation in **Willow Point Lakeport** at **Clear Lake**. The two weeks vacation will be further enlivened by the presence of their favorite grandson, **J. R.**, and they will return to spend one week with their children in **Palos Verdes Estates**. **Jerrie Ivory** will be acting manager during **Mrs. Thompson's** absence.

May Fewer, **Main PX**, is on the sick list—"too much sun." **Hazel McElhatton** returned to her duties at the candy counter after three weeks spent in the **Redwoods**.

The former **Myrtle Siemsen**, **Surgical Service**, was married during her vacation to **Mr. Harry Zandt**. The marriage took place on 29 June in **Reno** and they spent their honeymoon in **Canada** and came back down along the coast. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the new bride and groom.

Rebecca Garcia of the **Chaplain's** office has always rated plenty of admiring looks from **Lettermanites**, but this week, with her new short hairdo, she's getting complimentary comments as well as glances.

"My boy friend hates the sight of intoxicating liquor."

"Then why does he drink?"

"To get it out of sight."

HER WORK AS A GRAY LADY IS JUST ONE OF MANY HELPFUL ACTIVITIES



Miss ANNE LUCHSINGER
Gray Lady Group Captain

Vivacious Anne Luchsinger brings a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm to her work as **Gray Lady** group captain at **Letterman**, and she manages to communicate that enthusiasm to the patients she sees on her days here at the hospital. She spends every Wednesday here, making the rounds of the five wards to which she is assigned: **K-1**, **K-2**, **K-3**, **L-1** and **M-1**. When time permits she visits extra wards, doing personal errands, writing letters, and shopping in the **PX** for the patients.

Anne was born in **San Francisco**, attended **Miss Burke's School** here, and took her degree at the **University of California**, where she specialized in history—that of both the **United States** and **South America**. During the war she worked in defense plants, and later worked in an experimental laboratory. Part of her time there was spent in the laboratory, testing various materials, and the rest was taken up with secretarial duties.

She is active in **Junior League**

circles, and serves on the executive board of that organization. She also takes an active part in fund drives such as the annual **Red Cross** and **Community Chest** campaigns.

She joined the **Gray Lady Corps** at **Letterman** just after the close of the war, graduating with the class trained in **September 1945**. Since she had a daytime job at that time, she at first came here only in the evenings, later changing over to her present full day a week schedule. She has amassed a "flock of hours" since she began her volunteer work as **Gray Lady**.

In her free time she enjoys out-of-doors activities, with major emphasis on swimming. She likes golf, the theatre and reading, particularly mysteries.

She recently returned from a ten-day vacation spent at **Tahoe**, where she had plenty of opportunity for swimming, though the water was decidedly on the frigid side, and where she got in a lot of time perfecting her super suntan.



To **Major** and **Mrs. Alfred Asch**, a boy, **Peter Chris**, born 7 July.

To **M/Sgt.** and **Mrs. Spencer Martin**, a boy, **Robert Spencer**, born 8 July.

To **Cpl.** and **Mrs. Kenneth McMillen**, a girl, **Diana Lee**, born 8 July.

To **S/Sgt.** and **Mrs. Kenneth Twist**, a girl, **Lavon Marie**, born 8 July.

To **Capt.** and **Mrs. Fred Weichel**, a boy **Ronald Fredrick**, born 9 July.

To **2nd Lt.** and **Mrs. Norman Tenneson**, a girl, **Marilyn Diane**, born 9 July.

To **Capt.** and **Mrs. Woodrow Felix**, a boy, **Paul Montgomery**, born 10 July.

To **M/Sgt.** and **Mrs. Lawrence Valerio**, a girl, **Valjean**, born 10 July.

To **Capt.** and **Mrs. Otto Hala**, a girl, **Valjon**, born 10 July.

To **Sgt.** and **Mrs. George Hendrickson**, a girl, **Kessie Susan**, born 10 July.

To **Sgt.** and **Mrs. Fred Gish**, a girl, **Jill Lorraine**, born 10 July.

To **Sgt.** and **Mrs. Herbert Kinery**, a boy, **Robert**, born 10 July.

To **S/Sgt.** and **Mrs. Murl Ring**, a boy, **Stephen Michael**, born 11 July.

To **Sgt.** and **Mrs. LeRoy Johnson, Sr.**, a boy, **LeRoy Jr.**, born 11 July.

To **Cpl.** and **Mrs. Donald Connors**, a boy, **Donald Ray**, born 11 July.

To **S/Sgt.** and **Mrs. Leslie C. Judson**, a boy, **James Lewis**, born 11 July.

To **Sgt.** and **Mrs. Robert Copping**, a girl, **Judith Elaine**, born 11 July.

To **Cpl.** and **Mrs. Leland Rosendaal**, a girl, **Michele Ann**, born 12 July.

To **1st Lt.** and **Mrs. Clarence Collins**, a boy, **Robert Allan**, born 12 July.

To **S/Sgt.** and **Mrs. Charles Bennett**, a boy, **Charles Michael**, born 12 July.

To **Lt. Col.** and **Mrs. Leroy Wilson**, a boy, **Edward Laughton**, born 12 July.

To **Capt.** and **Mrs. Charles Leonard Culbertson, Sr.** a boy, **Charles Leonard, Jr.**, born 12 July.

To **S/Sgt.** and **Mrs. Theodore Lujan**, a girl, **Dorothy Anne**, born 12 July.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

We received some good dope for the Unit fishermen from 1st Sgt. **Tea Garland** who says that for some unusual reason the fish bite best during duty hours.

Since the new arrival of the "Princess" in the Cook Family the Evac office is again getting some work out of T/Sgt. **J. J. Cook**. We refer all future fathers to Sgt Cook, who is getting to be an authority on 'burping' the offspring.

Pvt. **Gene Williams** has turned out to be an excellent mathematician. His specialty is the collection of various numbers that have alphabetical prefixes. Last reports have it that it is a sizable collection and zealously guarded by its owner.

That happy look on Sgt. '**Chuck**' **Harper** is due to the fact that the little woman returned from her 'furlough.' He claims the dishes and cooking were getting the best of him.

There's a rumor that a T/5 in the Crissy Mess Dept. is offering a reward for a set of bicuspid teeth that were either lost or stolen.

First Sgt. **Frank O'Connor** hastened to that land of the Dreamy Dreams—New Orleans. Reason: Another Smiling Irishman. Or is it a bonnie lass? Regardless, Frank would have made a good entry in the Sweepstakes the way he evacuated HTU when the news came.

One of the Train Unit's old timers returned 'home' after a tour of duty in the European Theatre and aboard the Hospital Ships that sail to and from Fort Mason. He's S/Sgt. **Alfred M. Sanchez** and a hearty 'Welcome Home' goes out to him from the HTU.

S/Sgt. **Bob Morill** has been listening to too many of Horse Trader Ed's radio commercials. Result: Not a new car, as you might think, but rather a specimen of the 49er's faithful beast of burden. That's right. A burro! It seems that Sgt Morill's daughter caught that western spirit and what else could daddy do?

Nature is wonderful. A million years ago she didn't know we were going to wear glasses, yet look at the way she has placed our ears.

NEW CHIEF OF DENTAL SERVICE IS VETERAN OF BOTH WORLD WARS



Colonel MARHL H. WELCH, DC
New Chief of the Dental Service at Letterman

It took Colonel Marhl H. Welch just a few days over 31 years to draw an assignment to the best hospital in the army but he finally made it and is now the Chief of the Dental Service here at Letterman.

Colonel Welch is a native of Fayette, Alabama, and a graduate of Dental College of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Soon after his graduation he was commissioned in the Regular Army—22 June 1917—and he has been with the service ever since.

His first station was with Base Hospital No. 4 at Eagle Pass, Texas, with the Border Guard Unit and he stayed there until January 1920. It is interesting to note that the hospital was originally intended to serve General Pershing's command in the Mexican incident but was not needed for that purpose but remained to fill a need for the sick and injured of the border guard.

The colonel was moved over to the Attending Surgeon's office at Fort Sam Houston where he stayed

for a little over a year and then took off for the rocky island fortress of Corregidor in the Philippines for a two year tour of duty. Then back to the mainland and to Chanut Field with the Air Forces for the next five years. His next assignment was a student at the Army Medical Center and the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks for the year 1928 to 1929.

Colonel Welch was appointed as instructor on the staff of the Army Dental School and held that position until October 1932 when he sailed for Hawaii and station at Fort Kamehameha for the next three years. Then back to the Presidio of San Francisco dispensary where he was the dental surgeon for four years. It will be noted that the colonel had a good habit of staying put all during his long career.

The war years were spent with the Southwest Defense Command, the 3rd Corps, and another hitch with the Air Forces at Gulfport, Mississippi, and Savannah, Georgia.

MEDICAL DETACH

T/Sgt. **Guy Shortz**, the "maestro" of Convalescent Services, is back at the same old stand after a short furlough in New York. Guy was greeted with open arms by the Letterman Choir et al.

M/Sgt. **Roscoe Holloway** of Grounds and Maintenance Branch is a confirmed horse player and champion "picker-outer" of what he hopes will be winners. But he says he has a little trouble in picking nags that don't run backwards.

Mystery-of-the-week: What is the angle on M/Sgt. **Harold "Swede" Larson's** anxiety for the return of M/Sgt. **George Barte**? Sgt. Barte took a patient to New York and is expected back in the near future.

Congratulations to Pfc. **Anthony Rosinski** and Pfc. **Raymond Porter**, both of Hospital Service Branch, on their recent promotions.

T/4 **Edward Sans** of Troop Information and Education office is now "on foot" but has plenty of cash with which to console himself for the loss of four-wheeled transportation. He drove to Sacramento last week to visit his parents, and before his return was persuaded to part with his faithful Chevy.

T/Sgt. **John Mallon** of EENT Clinic has finally received that long-awaited release from the hospital, and has been welcomed back to duty. John had been a patient on ward K-1 for quite some time.

Welcome to T/4 **Walter McGuirk**, who recently returned to the States from a tour of duty in Frankfurt, Germany. Walter has been assigned to Troop Information and Education office.

A brief tour at Fitzsimmons General Hospital and then overseas in May 1945 to the 3rd Army in the ETO. He ultimately became Chief of the Dental Division for the ETO and stayed over there until May of this year.

Colonel Welch was married in 1917 to Miss Mary Emma Richardson, of Macon, Miss., and there are two children in the family. Marhl L. is attending OCS at Fort Riley, Kansas, and Almeda is at home with the family after doing her stint with the Red Cross in the C-B-I for 16 months.

MORE ABOUT ORTHOPEDIC SERVICE

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vice: Captain R. M. Amon, WMSC, and WOJG Dominic G. Germane.

Colonel Bolibaugh, the Chief of Orthopedic Service, served in the Medical Corps during both World War I and II, and has an impressive record of service in orthopedic work. He has been in the Regular Army since 1917, first coming to active duty shortly after the entry of the United States into World War I. He served overseas in a British orthopedic hospital in Dublin, and also in France and Germany.

After nearly four years in Europe he returned to the States and spent the ensuing four years, from 1923 to 1927, on the Orthopedic Service at Walter Reed Hospital. He then went to Fort Sam Houston and was chief of Orthopedic Service there for four years.

In 1932 he again went to Europe, this time with the Gold Star pilgrimage, and while there he visited orthopedic clinics in the British Isles, Germany, Austria and Italy, remaining in Europe for 18 months. Upon his return he was chief of Orthopedic Service at Walter Reed Hospital, from 1933 until 1937. In 1938 he came to Letterman for a four-year tour of duty as chief of Orthopedic Service here.

Colonel Bolibaugh left LGH in 1942, and assumed command of the 59th Evacuation Hospital, taking that unit overseas and serving during the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Italy and at Anzio. Later he was in France and Germany with the Seventh Army.

He was camp surgeon at Dachau, going there immediately after the camp was liberated. When he took over, a typhus epidemic was causing 100 deaths a day, and when he left six weeks later, the death rate from typhus had been reduced to two or three a day. Colonel Bolibaugh was subsequently decorated with the Typhus Commission medal.

When he came back to the United States in November 1945 he became chief of Orthopedic Service at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J., and remained there until he returned to Letterman and his present assignment in January 1947.

He was born in Holbrook, Nebraska, and received his medical degree at Rush Medical College in Chicago. After an 18-month internship at Los Angeles Hospital, he came into the Army. He and his wife now

FIRST OF A SERIES

Army's Career Plan to Become Effective Shortly

(AFPS)—The machinery has been grinding steadily, and concrete results are now in evidence. On August 1, 1948, the Army's Career Guidance Plan for Warrant Officers and enlisted men will go into effect. The implementation of this plan marks one of the most complete changes in Army organization to take place in many years.

Department of the Army Circular 202—being promulgated in advance of "Changeover Day"—is the key to the switch. It outlines, in detail, all the many facets of the new plan.

The Career Plan, as it is commonly known, entails a number of changes in rank in Enlisted and Warrant grades. These changes, while signifying the trend toward a better organization within the Army, are not the real essence of the Career Plan.

Under the new system, there are to be established a number of career "fields." Each of these fields will encompass all jobs of a similar nature. Each man will be placed in that field which, through choice and/or qualifications, he is best suited. There will be specific steps in each field. As the soldier masters his field, he will be advanced notch by notch, going as high as his capabilities allow.

Under the new system, there will be four grades of Warrant Officers. These grades are to be more of a continuance of enlisted advancement than they have been under the present system. They are also to be more technical in nature. In the future, Warrant Officers will be highly skilled technicians, charged with supervision of their specific fields. In this way, when a man has completely mastered his career field, and attained the rank of Master Sergeant, there will still be open to him advancement in his same category field.

There remain seven enlisted pay grades. Pay grade titles have been changed, however, and one grade of non-commissioned officer has been eliminated. The new titles are:

- 1st Grade—Master, First, Sergeant
- 2nd Grade—Sergeant Second Class
- 3rd Grade—Sergeant Third Class
- 4th Grade—Corporal
- 5th Grade—Private First Class
- 6th Grade—Private
- 7th Grade—Recruit

Only the first four pay grades will constitute the Non-Commissioned Officer's corps. Under the present system, the first five grades are non-coms. Changeover of titles becomes effective with inauguration of the new Plan and will be done by grade. Thus a Private will become a Recruit, a Pfc. will be called a Private, a Corporal will be called a Private First Class, and so on. Pay for each respective grade will remain unchanged.

The distinction between Combat troops and Non-Combat troops will also go into effect with the advent of the Career Plan. Certain classes of personnel, whose primary duties are front line jobs, will be classed as Combat Soldiers. Those whose primary duties are jobs in support of front line troops will be classed as Non-Combat Soldiers. The difference will be marked by different colored stripes (dark blue chevrons on gold background for Combat, and gold chevrons on dark blue background for non-Combat).

The Career Plan, in general, constitutes a big step forward toward the goal of attaining a well-trained, well-satisfied Army.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is the first of three on the forthcoming Army Career Plan. The second article will be concerned with details of the enlisted ranks, advancement for enlisted men, assignment and changes within career fields for enlisted men, etc. The last article will be concerned with Warrant Officer status, advancement into Warrant ranks, Warrant duties and career fields.

make their home in Sausalito. They have two children, a son and a daughter.

Colonel Bolibaugh's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and five battle stars, in addition to the Typhus Commission medal mentioned above. He is a fellow of the American Orthopedic Association and of the American College of Orthopedic Surgeons, and a diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

Higher Educational Standards Set for Regular Army WAC

Washington (AFPS) — All women recruits for service with the Regular Army and Air Force will have to meet higher educational standards than males, the Services stated recently.

Only high school graduates, or those who pass tests showing the equivalent of a high school education will be accepted for enlistment. Moreover, the lowest score on the R-5, or R-6 Aptitude Tests must be 90 instead of the 80 required for enlisted men.

Married women, now in service, will be accepted for the Regular WAC or WAF, but new enlistees must be single. In either case, marriage will not be a reason for separation until a woman has served a full year on her current enlistment.

Women with dependents under 18 years of age will not be permitted to enlist. Enlistments may be for two, three, four, five or six years. The Air Forces, however, will not accept two-year enlistments.

Enlistments will be in the Army or Air Force unassigned, this option of service being applicable to those now in the WAC, AUS, regardless of the Service to which they are now assigned.

Women enlistees must be not less than 18 years of age or more than 35, except that: (1) Wacs and former Wacs, AUS, over 35 may enlist if the number of years over 35 does not exceed the completed years of service since July 1, 1943; and (2) Wacs on duty who do not meet the above requirements may be recommended for waiver if her detachment commanding officer and section chief recommend her enlistment because of character, skill and potential value to the service.

Enlisted women, like men, are only entitled to retirement on length of service; not for age.

Women serving with the WAC, AUS, who are discharged to enlist in the Regular WAC or WAF the following day, will retain rank held on discharge.

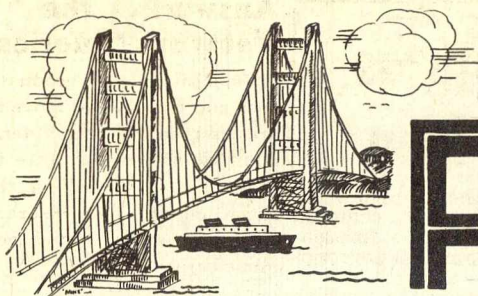
Writers at Work

The Creative Writing Club at Letterman took on a new lease of life last week when Kenneth MacNicol of Pencraft College began working with the group. They will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2 p. m. on ward E-1. At present there are eight members in the group.

The members now active in the club are: Lieut. Col. John Heninger, ward A-2; Lieut. Col. Wesley A. Semple, A-1; Captain Evan Hill, B-1; Lieut. William Kelly, D-2; Cpl. Oliver Livingston, F-1; T/5 Thomas Johnson, B-2; T/5 Allen Shearer, 30 and Pfc. Richard Eyestone, E-1.

Seeing Double

Last year 200 sets of twins were born in San Francisco and of that total seven sets were born at Letterman. But this year business in the twin department is looking up. In less than two weeks, between 20 June and 1 July, no less than four sets of twins were born here. The girls are way out in front of the boys in the birth race to date, with three sets of girl twins and only one set of boys.



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VA To Send NSLI Lapse Notices Beginning 1 August

Policyholders of National Service Life Insurance will in future be notified promptly upon lapse of policy, it was announced this week by the Veterans Administration. The plan goes into effect 1 August.

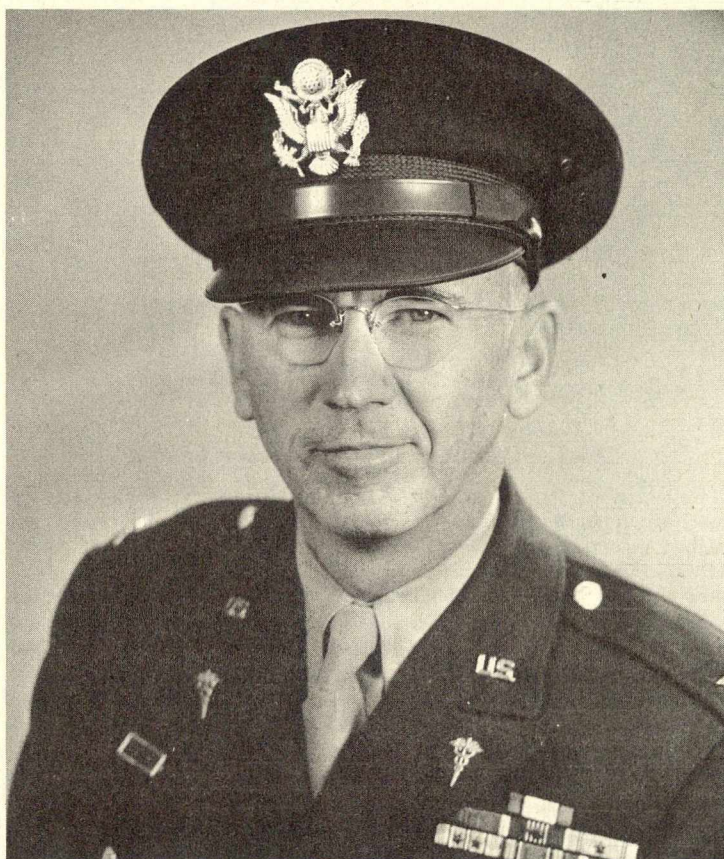
Under the new procedure, those who hold NSLI policies will have a 31-day grace period, then within the following 15 days will receive a notice telling them that their insurance has lapsed, and advising them how to reinstate the policy.

It is an established practice of commercial insurance companies to send lapse notices, but until now the government setup has not permitted such notification. The new service is a valuable one, because even though the policyholder continues to pay premiums regularly, his policy may be worthless if there is a lapsed payment somewhere in the past.

Insurance laws do not require that lapse notices be sent, but the new procedure under which the Veterans Administration will do so was determined upon because of some confusion resulting from the changeover of records from the various services. The branches of the Armed Forces, which originally sold the insurance, no longer have responsibility for the records after the men are discharged.

With the changeover and the tremendous expansion of NSLI facilities, there was a time lag in checking payment entries. It was felt that many who intended to maintain their policies in force failed to do so because of forgetfulness.

Under the new setup there should be no possibility of a veteran's being unaware of a lapsed policy, which in case of his death would be worthless to his beneficiary.



Colonel JAMES O. GILLESPIE, MC
Who assumed new duties here this week

New Chief of Medicine Reports

Colonel James O. Gillespie, M. C., reported to Letterman this week to assume his new duties as Chief of the Medical Service in succession to Colonel Mack M. Green who has been transferred to Fitzsimons General Hospital.

Colonel Gillespie has been in the army since February 1926 but this is his first assignment to Letterman although he was here briefly following his liberation from the Japanese prison camps in 1945. The colonel was on duty at Sternberg

General Hospital in Manila at the time of the surrender of the American forces in April 1942 and he spent the ensuing 41 months as a prisoner of war.

The colonel came to us from Brooke General Hospital at San Antonio, Texas, where he was the assistant Chief of the Medical Service. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and will have a very active role in the residency training program being carried on here at the present time.

New Letterman PX Grill Will Be Open Monday

Letterman's newly-remodeled and enlarged PX Grill in the main hospital will open Monday, 2 August, with its former seating capacity nearly doubled. A special opening day feature will be a gift of a gardenia for each feminine customer.

With counters and tables, the old grill seated 80 persons. In the new grill there will be space for 140. Tables for four will replace the counters, and service will be cafeteria style. A complete change of menu will be featured.

The new grill has a ramp entrance for the convenience of wheelchair patients, and special service for patients will be stressed. Those in wheelchairs need not go through the line, but may go directly to tables, where an attendant will take their order. Patients using crutches may give their order at the counter, and an attendant will bring the food to their table.

The remodeling project has been under the direction of Major James L. Bonner, Bay Area Exchange officer, and George G. Elliott, general manager of the exchange. Carl Wade will return as manager of the grill.

Particular attention has been given to the decorative scheme, and the new grill has the modern touch, with all-stainless steel food equipment. The wainscoting is blonde birch; the walls pastel yellow; the ceilings Colonial green. The floors are covered in asphalt tile of attractive design and fluorescent lighting has been installed. Square, pedestal type tables with cream-colored tops will be used, with maple chairs upholstered in green.

The grill will be open on the same schedule of hours formerly observed: 0700 to 1845 Monday through Friday; 0700 to 1330 on Saturday, and 0700 to 1300 on Sunday.

Laboratory Service Annual Procedures Are Over 250,000

The myriad functions of the Laboratory Service at Letterman are so closely interlinked with those of the other professional services of the hospital that there is a strong interest for all personnel of LGH in the activities of the service familiarly known to Lettermanites as "the lab."

The Laboratory Service here serves not only the hospital proper, but it is also the Histopathologic Center for the Sixth Army Area. Approximately 125 autopsies and 3500 surgical specimens are accessioned annually, in addition to an average of 50 autopsies received annually from outside stations for histologic study and final diagnosis. In Clinical Pathology there are approximately 69,000 procedures performed in Hematology; 33,000 in Urine and Gastric Contents; 65,000 in Bacteriology; 80,000 in Serology and 12,000 in Chemistry. These procedures reach the formidable total of more than 250,000 annually.

Colonel Kenneth F. Ernst, MC, is Chief of the Laboratory Service, which consists of two divisions—Pathology and Clinical Pathology. Pathology Division includes the Histology Section. The Clinical Pathology Division has five sections: Bacteriology, Chemistry, Serology, Hematology and Blood Transfusion, and Photography.

The Pathology Division processes surgical and necropsy material obtained from this hospital as well as material referred to it from outlying stations in the Sixth Army area and from Pacific overseas stations.

Various activities concerned with the training program of the hospital are sponsored by the Pathological Division. Residents assigned to training in Pathology spend one year in clinical pathology and two in anatomical pathology. In addition, a number of training activities for other services are sponsored by the Pathology Division. These are represented by courses in surgical pathology for general surgeons, and by courses in urological and dermatological pathology. Plans for the future include a course in orthopedic pathology.

These courses are presented by members of the attending staff of civilian consultants. The consultants on the attending staff of the Laboratory Service are: Dr. John J. Eiler, Dr. Alvin J. Cox, Dr. Nathan Rudo, Dr. Leland J. Rather, Dr. Robert J. Parsons.

The Chief of Pathology, Major



Colonel KENNETH F. ERNST, MC
Chief of Letterman's Laboratory Service

Helmuth Sprinz, joined the Letterman staff in April 1947. The other assigned members of the Pathology staff are First Lieuts. Augustus B. Jones Jr., and Eugene D. Clement. Assigned to the Histology Section of the Pathology Division is M/Sgt. Harry Horstmann, now on his second tour of duty at Letterman.

Activities in the Bacteriology Section of Clinical Pathology Division, as well as in other sections of the clinical laboratory, are confined principally to patients in this hospital. Major subdivisions of the section include general bacteriology, streptomycin and penicillin sensitivity assays, parasitology and media preparation.

The section is in charge of Captain Royal H. Sorensen, who has been in the Army since 1940. He graduated with a B.S. degree in bacteriology and chemistry from Utah State Agriculture College. Captain Sorensen is assisted in the work of the section by six technicians, civilian and military.

The Chemistry Section includes clinical microscopy. Activities in the section are concerned primarily with diagnostic biochemical procedures, and although a few chemical procedures along toxicological lines are performed, more extensive investi-

gations along these lines are referred to other Army installations.

The section is under the supervision of Captain George W. Johnston, a graduate of Marshall College in West Virginia, with an advanced degree in biochemistry from the University of Iowa. He is assisted by six technicians, military and civilian.

The Hematology and Blood Transfusion Division is in charge of First Lieut. John W. Franklin, who is finishing his first year of active duty in the Army. He received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1946, and also holds a B.S. in chemistry from that university. The combined Hematology and Blood Transfusion Division is staffed by 12 technicians, military and civilian.

The Hematology Section of the Division is further broken down into Special and General Hematology. In the former, blood dyscrasias and other hematologic problems are investigated. Close liaison is maintained between the division and the clinical services and on occasion, hematologic clinics on interesting cases are presented in cooperation with the service concerned.

The Blood Transfusion Section maintains a list of blood donors by

type and performs the necessary procedures in blood testing and matching prior to transfusion, as well as performing Rh testing for obstetrical patients.

During Captain Paul G. Hattersley's tour as chief of the section, he developed approved methods of Rh testing which are currently in use in the laboratory. The transfusion section maintains a reserve of blood, obtained principally from military donors, which is available for use here at all times.

Serology Division is under the supervision of the Bacteriology Division for administrative purposes, but it is operated principally by M/Sgt. Vaughn G. Yeomans, who has been a familiar fixture in the laboratory for over 20 years. The section performs routine diagnostic serological tests for hospital patients, and during 1947 participated in an investigative problem sponsored by the Army Research and Graduate School to determine the accuracy of a new diagnostic test using the recently developed cardiolipin antigen.

As a part of Sergeant Yeoman's activity in the Serology Division, he has developed and improved upon a method for preserving animal red blood cells used in diagnostic tests so that they may be used over a period of several weeks.

Master Sergeant Harold Dixon is responsible for the technical activities of the Photographich Division, where he is ably assisted by Mr. Marshall Douglas, who had long experience in civilian laboratories before coming to Letterman. Sergeant Dixon recently returned from a special course at the Army Institute of Pathology covering clinical photography.

The administrative activities of the laboratory are the responsibility of M/Sgt. Thomas R. Turner. Sergeant Turner was formerly NCO-in-charge of the laboratory at Schofield Barracks.

Colonel Ernst has recently returned to Letterman after a three-month period of study at the Army Institute of Pathology which was followed by a two-week course in Cytological Diagnosis of Cancer at the University of California. He has been Chief of the Laboratory Service here since 1946, and his first tour of duty at LGH was in 1930, when he interned here just before entering the Regular Army. He was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1930.

Around the LGH Laboratory Service With the Camera



Major HELMUTH SPRINZ, MC
Chief, Pathology Section



Capt. GEORGE W. JOHNSTON, MC
Chief, Chemistry Section



Capt. ROYAL H. SORENSEN, MSC
Chief, Bacteriology Section



First Lieut. JOHN W. FRANKLIN, MC
Chief, Hematology & Blood Transfusion Section

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EDITORIAL

HUMAN RIGHTS

It has been said often and with truth that man moves slowly in his progress toward a better life in the sense of better human relationships, but from time to time encouraging signs of such progress are seen. One such sign is the recently drafted International Declaration of Human Rights, a new formulation of the rights of every human being, which has been agreed upon after more than two years of United Nations' meetings at Lake Success.

The document was written by the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. The declaration will go to the Economic and Social Council, and if approved will be put before the U. N. General Assembly. Acceptance by that body would give it world-wide backing.

"Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security," says the declaration. "Everyone has the right to work, to just and favorable conditions of work and pay and to protection against unemployment. Everyone has the right to rest and leisure."

It adds further that these rights are naturally limited since everyone "has duties to



Wedding bells are in the offing for First Lieut. Mildred B. Kauffman, ANC, though she has not yet set the date for the ceremony. She is wearing a sparkling new diamond, and the lucky man is Warrant Officer James Fleming, now stationed at Fort Scott.

Two newcomers were welcomed this week to the ANC ranks at Letterman. First Lieut. Mary B. Hartman arrived from Hawaii, where she has been on duty at Tripler General Hospital, and First Lieut. Cecile E. Bair, whose home is in Florence, South Carolina, is also just back from overseas duty. She was at the 10th General Hospital, which is near Manila.

Captain Anna Hackett, ANC, is enjoying a 30-day leave at her home in Uhrichsville, Ohio.

Captains Grace Delaney and Edith Ansley, ANC, made a stopover in Eureka, California, on a recent week end trip, and they are still enthusiastic about the friendly reception they received there.

New arrival welcomed this week to the dietitians, staff is First Lieut. Doris Parker of the Regular Army who has been on duty for the past two years at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Lieut. Parker's home is in Dunbar, Pennsylvania.

Her home in Salinas, California, will be the vacation destination for First Lieut. Erna Seegelken, ANC, who is going on a 30-day leave on 1 August.

First Lieut. Kathryn Johnson, ANC, is leaving tomorrow on a 15-day leave. She will spend it at her home in Sunburst, Montana.

All the members of the dietitians' staff were entertained last Sunday at the special "chicken-in-the-rough" dinner at the Letterman Officers' Club. Their hostesses were Captain Valma Richardson, Chief Dietitian, and her mother and sister, who are now here on a visit.

the community which enables him freely to develop his personality."

WAC

Last week nine Letterman WAC officers were sworn in by Brig. Gen. Dean F. Winn, commanding general as members of the Officers' Reserve Corps, and six enlisted personnel of the WAC detachment here were sworn into the Regular Army. The officers were: Captains Charlotte I. Woodworth, Minnie Lee Young, Margaret N. Lasseter, Frances V. Peterson; First Lieuts. Mary C. Cass, Frances E. Harllee, Margaret A. Kimpton; 2nd Lieuts. Anna M. Laue and Pamela E. Robertson. The enlisted personnel were: S/Sgt. Gladys L. Knowles, T/3 Christine E. McConnell, Sgt. Olive A. Badger, Sgt. Jean A. Marsland, T/4 Sally Craig, and T/5 Mary C. Davis.

Master Sergeant Stella E. Wilson, who has been assigned to Orthopedic Service all during her tour of duty at Letterman, received her discharge this week, and will henceforth be engaged in homemaking duties. Stella's husband, Sgt. Woodrow Wilson, is a member of the LGH Medical detachment, so the Wilsons will continue to make their home here in San Francisco.

Elizabeth Williamson, former member of the WAC detachment who left LGH in 1945 for overseas assignment, has returned to Letterman, this time in a civilian capacity. She will work as ward secretary on the Orthopedic Service.

T/4 Sue Burnett of Physical Therapy, who recently received her discharge, has returned to her former job in P. T. as a civilian employee. Proof that she doesn't yet feel completely civilian is the fact that she still answers the phone "Sergeant Burnett speaking . . ."

S/Sgts. Josephine Porter and Meryl Meredith, both of whom have been on a patient status for over a month, returned to duty this week—Sergeant Porter to Military Personnel; Sergeant Meredith to the Record Room.

T/3 Christine McConnell and T/4 Sally Craig are both currently enjoying a 30-day re-enlistment leave. They will spend a part of the time here in San Francisco, and Sergeant McConnell also plans a trip to her home in Pennsylvania.

A bouquet to S/Sgt. Rose Ruscak of the Information Office for her faithful reporting of WAC detachment news in the past months.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday 1 August, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

Promoted

At an informal ceremony held in the Staff Room on Tuesday morning 13 officers of the local Medical Corps received official notification of their promotion to the rank of Captain AUS.

The special orders announcing the promotions were read by Captain Cheslar Urbanick, MSC, assistant adjutant, and twin bars—the insignia of the new rank—were pinned on the shoulder loops of the new captains by Colonel Kermit H. Gates, Deputy Commander of Letterman.

In keeping with established custom the new insignia was presented to the captains by the Letterman Officers Club.

Those promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain were: Ernest Foss Adams, John Richard Black, Peter Robert Brady, Frank Hladky, Jr., Kenneth John Hovanic, Glen Eric McCormick, Lyman Maass, Robert George Olsen, Eudell George Paul, Alan Harding Reckhow, David Hughes Wilson, Samuel Paul Wise, III, and Walter Zimri Brown.

Just now other matters prevent her from continuing to give us the news of her fellow-WACs, but T/4 Betty Wugan has promised to keep an eye on WAC-tivities for this column.

Captain Ernestine L. Stephenson, the original detachment commander of our WAC, recently returned from a two year sojourn in Germany and a call on her friends at Letterman was one of her first good deeds. A new 1948 Packard convertible is her means of transportation.

DO YOU KNOW?



Mrs. ISABELLA FRANKS
LGH Main PX

As a homemaker and the mother of four, in addition to her duties in Letterman's Main PX, Mrs. Isabella Franks is well-suited to the department to which she is assigned — Household Goods. She knows all the answers about the items on the shelves, and is always ready with helpful information for the buyers of her shining wares.

She is better known as "Izzy" than by the more dignified Isabella and her friends find it hard to believe that Izzy is the mother of a 17-year-old daughter, Diane, who is a senior in high school. She has two boys and two girls. The others are David, 15; Jerry, 12, and Ann 8.

Izzy was born in Portland, Oregon, but came to San Francisco when she was only 7. She attended John Swett Junior High School here, and became Mrs. Victor Franks shortly after her graduation.

During the war she worked in a grocery for a time, then in 1946 came to Letterman and was first employed in the PX Grill for a few months before beginning her present work.

Until last November Izzy was never unduly superstitious, but on the 13th of that month she was seriously injured in an automobile accident, and now she regards that particular day of the month with more than a slight aversion. A boy driving a borrowed car at a 55-mile-an-hour pace hit the Frank's car, and Izzy suffered a fractured pelvis and spent three months in the hospital.

In her free time she likes to go camping with the family, enjoys baseball games and is an avid reader of mystery stories. Just now she is looking forward to an August vacation, which she plans to spend in Portland, Oregon, visiting members of her family.

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Captain Frank Douglas of ward A-2, having recently returned from a brief leave, can again be seen every morning in his favorite spot, the bench on the ramp opposite the Main PX, from which location he greets passersby with a smile and a cheery hello.

Letterman's fishing boat, the L-101, had a capacity load of patients one day last week, and they brought in a record catch of fish—2,000 pounds, in fact, or call it a ton, sounds more impressive that way. Some helpful individual suggested that a retail fish market be opened right here on the post.

Corporal Alice Arms, who is a patient on ward M-1, is occupying her time in the Occupational Therapy Shop in making a set of dishes decorated with a design of palm trees. One of her other O.T. specialties is modeling chipmunks.

"Master Fishingpole Craftsman" is the title that has been informally bestowed on Corporal George Roberts of ward 31. He has just finished work on a surf pole. Having made several of these in the past, he is now an expert. He uses maple cue sticks with walnut handles, shapes the forepart of the pole into hexagon shape, then turns the handle down on the lathe. He makes all the fittings for the pole except the reel and the eyelets.

Sergeant George Mullen and Private Edmund King, both of ward E-2, are again able to carry on their lengthy conversations without inconvenience, since their beds are once more side by side. For awhile they were in separate wards in the East hospital.

Darinka Parker, patient on ward M-2, is trying her hand at clay modeling for the first time. She is modeling the head of a man, and after only a few hours work on it is already collecting compliments on her work.

They say the "work-bug" has bitten T/3 Clayton Peters, who is a patient on ward F-1. He is constantly found scurrying around the ward doing anything and everything he can to be helpful.

Lieut. Bert M. Evans and Lieut. Fred McDonald, both of ward D-2, are engaged in a cooperative project in Occupational Therapy. They

are making the moulds for a set of dishes, and are working on a modern design, with square plates instead of the more usual round ones.

Those interested in joining the Creative Writing Club sponsored by the Red Cross are reminded that the members meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2 p. m. on ward E-1. The next meeting will be held 4 August, and prospective members may register with Mrs. Mili Hendrix, club-coordinator, at the Recreation Hall.

Something new has been added to the design Staff Sergeant Robert Greeley of ward E-2 uses for his justly famous beer mugs. He has changed over from plain wood handles to more ornamental ones—in the shape of mermaids.

Coin "Cokey" Ainslie, patient on ward E-1, is fast earning the reputation of versatility in the arts. He is interested in writing, has done several paintings, and has composed the music for several songs since he came to the hospital.

Pfc William Donnelly, who is a patient on ward 3, has suddenly become very much interested in fishing. He has never been very enthusiastic about the sport until one lucky day last week. That day his catch included a 17-pound sea bass, which could be the reason he's now a confirmed angler.

Coporal James Hubert of ward B-2, recently elected president of the Letterman Chess Club, was the first one in the club to win the perpetual tournament trophy. The trophy is awarded each month to the man who earns the most points during the month, and he is entitled to keep it during the following 30 days. If a member of the club wins the trophy three times, it is his to keep permanently.

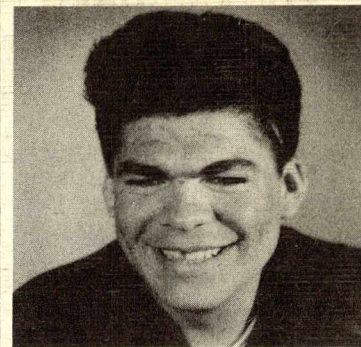
While visiting the zoo, a not-too-intelligent individual saw a baby deer. Its keeper stood nearby.

"What kind of an animal is that?" the visitor inquired.

"You mean you don't know?" exclaimed the keeper. "What does your wife call you every morning?"

"Say," said the sightseer, "you're not going to try and tell me that's a skunk!"

ON THE SPOT



JOE ROMERO
Technician Fifth Grade

Watching him walk down the hall smiling and laughing with the passersby, you think perhaps he knows everyone in the hospital personally. But then Joe Romero has been a patient here for over a year, and has made good use of his time in gaining friends and acquaintances.

He claims Thatcher, Arizona as his birthplace. He began his army life in California, going through basic training at Camp Roberts. Then he was sent to Alaska, and what with the difference between "cool Alaska" and "warm Arizona," Joe was decidedly cool toward Alaska. He was assigned to duty as truck driver, and says he performed a variety of other tasks as well. He likes variety in everything, and was an all 'round athlete in high school where he played football, switched to baseball, and then to boxing.

When he was admitted to Letterman, it was as an aphasic patient. His injury, sustained in Alaska, resulted in loss of speech and a partial paralysis. Following his tour as a bed patient, funds were secured through the American Womens' Volunteer Association, and Joe was given private speech lessons. Today his improvement is remarkable.

He was discharged from the Army in June, but re-entered Letterman as a veteran patient. He is seen daily in the Recreation Hall and the PX drinking plenty of coffee, and is always surrounded by his three buddies—James Underwood, Ray Denton and Orville Hemberger. One man who awaits a daily visit from Joe is "Field Marshall" Charlie, at the shoe shine both. Joe will be leaving Letterman in the near future for a veteran's hospital, where he will receive further treatment.

CIVIL CIRCLES

After two years of service in the Receiving & Evacuation Hospital Train Unit, **Ayako Funabiki** is on annual leave prior to sailing to her new duty station in Japan. She will be missed by her many friends here at Letterman and takes with her their best wishes.

"Ace" **Guth**, Ward B-1, recently returned from a month's vacation and she says not to use the word "vacation" too loosely because the entire time was taken up in baby sitting but she still enjoyed herself because she loves being with her grandchildren.

Esther Kleinclaus, Detachment of Patients is on two weeks leave and is spending her time at home taking things easy.

Esther Grobler, Civilian Personnel, and **Margaret Trumpour**, Finance, are spending three-weeks vacation at Laguna Beach.

Hannah Goldberg, Troop I & E office, flew to New York City recently where she will spend 30 days leave. **Frances Jenkins** has taken up the duties, as counselor in the Troop I & E office, that she held as a WAC prior to her discharge several years ago.

Annette Feller, Ward S-1, returned from Clear Lake with a nice tan but regrets that it is rapidly fading away. She spent one week at Clear Lake and one week in San Francisco.

Bernard Freeman, Ward S-2, recently returned from two weeks leave which he spent at Lake Tahoe.

Dagmir Johnson, Ward 27, spent an enjoyable weekend recently in the Feather River country.

We wish to extend a welcome to the following new employees at Letterman: **Marion Davis**, Surgical Service; **Frances Earpe**, Nursing Section; **Frederic Pumphrey**, Receiving Office; **Helen Stephens**, Convalescent Services; **Gail Shoemaker**, Receiving Office, and **Margaret Harrison**, Elizabeth Williamson, and **Marion Perryman**, all of the Orthopedic Service.

Mrs. Jones was spending the day in bed with a severe cough and her husband was working in the back yard, hammering nails into some boards. Presently a neighbor came over to chat with Jones. "How's the wife?" he asked.

"Not very well," replied Jones.

"Is that her coughin'?"

"No, you fathead. It's a chicken coop."

HER TRAVEL DIARY COULD READ: BERLIN, SHANGHAI, SAN FRANCISCO



Miss RUTH CALLMANN
On duty in the LGH Legal Office

The happy philosophy of "trying to enjoy every possible moment even when things are bad" tided Miss Ruth Callmann, who is now in the Letterman Legal Office, over many a difficult spot in her life during the war years. And now that the conditions of her life are happier, she enjoys pleasant things with a special savor.

Ruth was born in Berlin, Germany, where she attended business high school. In addition to her native tongue, she also studied English, and has a working knowledge of French and Spanish. She was employed in office jobs in Berlin for about two years before she went with her family to Shanghai in 1939.

Her father is a doctor, and the restrictions placed on his practice in Germany were so great that he was obliged to leave. Conditions were not much better for the Callmanns in Shanghai, and Ruth says they were glad of the one warm meal a day supplied by the American-Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

One of the books suppressed by the Japanese during their occupation was the well-known novel "The Family," by Nina Fedorova, which tells the story of a Russian family

living in China. Ruth says the conditions described in that book are reminiscent of her own experiences in Shanghai.

Shortly after the war ended and the Americans were in Shanghai, Ruth began to work for the Army, and was assigned to Military Personnel office. Her brother Erich came to the United States, having obtained an affidavit of support from friends in Washington, D. C. After taking out first citizenship papers he joined the Army, and was sent to Letterman. He made arrangements for Ruth to come to the States. She arrived last year on 25 August, and three days later she began work here at LGH on her present job. In November her mother came from Shanghai, and now she and Ruth are looking forward to the time when Dr. Callmann will join them here. Erich, who was on duty here for nearly a year is now stationed in Tokyo.

Ruth enjoys life in San Francisco, and is an inveterate sightseer. She says she believes she has seen more of the city than people who have lived here for years. She uses her leisure time in her favorite pastimes of hiking, dancing, swimming, reading and going to the movies.



To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Homer King, a boy, **Philip Grenville**, born 12 July.

To Major and Mrs. Edward Bigelow, a girl, **Teresa Jane**, born 13 July.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Paul Prince, a boy, **Wayne Morgan**, born 14 July.

To Capt. and Mrs. Charles Crain Gaston, Sr., a boy, **Charles Crain, Jr.**, born 14 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Craver, a girl, **Barbara Ann**, born 15 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Nelson Gagnon, a girl, **Linda Jane**, born 16 July.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Albert Lewie, a boy, **Charles Allen**, born 16 July.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert Yocom, a girl, **Christina Leigh**, born 16 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Elmer Ellis a girl, **Bonnie May**, born 16 July.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Harold Bradley, Sr., a boy, **Harold Jr.**, born 16 July.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Richard Philip, a boy, **Richard William**, born 17 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Edward Meier, a girl, **Nancy Marie**, born 17 July.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James Littleton, a girl **Patti Darlene**, born 17 July.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Sidney Waldrop, a girl, **Jo Dean**, born 18 July.

To Major and Mrs. Maurice Meyers, a girl, **Kathryn Downing**, born 18 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Ellis, a girl, **Melody June**, born 18 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Stanley Dean Hall, a boy, **Kelly Dean**, born 18 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Glenn Long, a boy, **Bruce Duane**, born 18 July.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Earl Kelley, a boy, **Colin Patrick** born 18 July.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Lloyd Oubre, a boy, **Gary Louis**, born 19 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Dominick W. Gillespie, a girl, **Deanna Rose**, born 19 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph Rroblak, a boy, **Rodney Wayne**, born 19 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Michael Mackovic, a girl, **Micheline LaVonne**, born 20 July.

To Capt. and Mrs. Frank Dwyer, a girl, **Mary Margaret**, born 20 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James Nelson, a boy, **William Brent**, born 20 July.

MEDICAL DETACH

T/Sgt. **Herbert E. Newton**, the secretary and treasurer of the Letterman NCO Club recently had a correspondence duel with a certain WAC over payment of club dues and came out second best. Newt was graceful in defeat, however, and admitted the fallacy of arguing with a woman.

Corporal **Norbert "Nub" Opitz** of Physical Reconditioning Branch has the reputation of being a snorer deluxe. His barracks mates say that even the windows rattle when Nub gets in high gear.

T/4 **William Sans** of Troop E & I Branch has anticipated the change in rank insignia by designing his own. Two stripes with crossed ever-sharps.

T/3 **Lawrence Riley** of the Hospital Service Branch is back on duty after a 30-day furlough. Lawrence, who is in competition with WAC Sally Craig of Occupational Therapy Branch as the champion automobile "buster upper," says that he didn't even nick a fender this time.

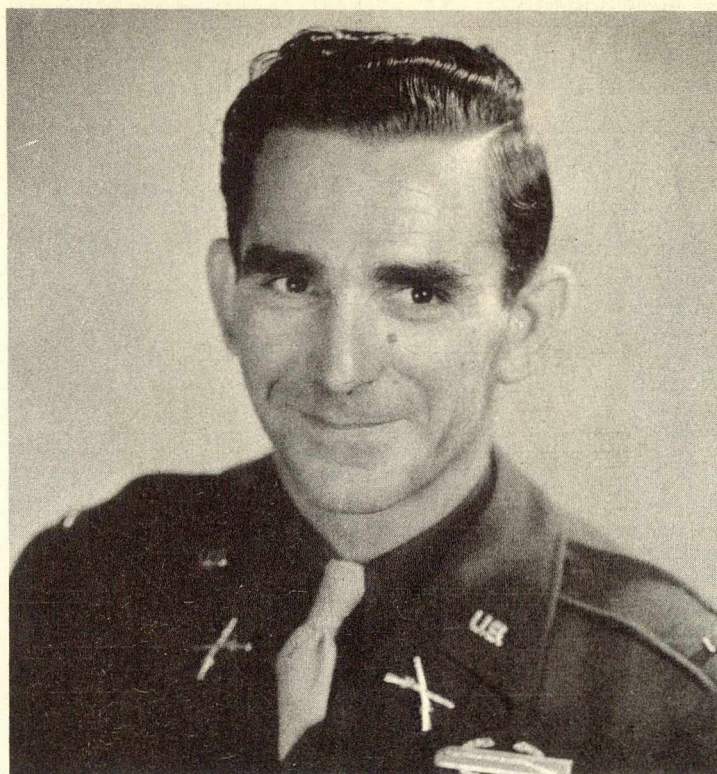
T/Sgt. **Joseph Surowicz** of the Hospital Service Branch is still "mowing 'em down" a la softball. Joe, who recently pitched a no hit, no run game against Fort Ord, last week pitched a "five hitter" against San Raphael, winning 7 to 0, and a "five hitter" against Golden State (San Francisco), winning 10 to 2.

1st Sergeant **Frank O'Connor** of Grounds and Maintenance Branch left last week on a 12 day furlough to his home in Louisiana. Frank wanted to be on hand for the expected addition to his family. This column will let you know when the information becomes available.

M/Sgt. **Albert Evans**, the Letterman recruiting sergeant, must have caught the fever himself from the recent deluge of 18-year-old enlistees. Al is finishing his present enlistment next week and already has plans for "reuping".

Due to lack of space for individual names this column just says "congrats" to all of the 12 men of the Station Complement who were promoted last week from Pfc to either Corporal or T/5.

HIS TASTE FOR TRAVEL IS REFLECTED IN HIS MODEL-BUILDING HOBBY



First Lieut. LAWRENCE WALTHERS
Long-time Letterman patient

First Lieut. Lawrence Walthers is entitled to consider himself a long-time Lettermanite, and says he has an "all-time" lease on ward D-2, since he has been a patient on that ward since May 1946. Larry, as he is known to his fellow patients, is the possessor of an affable personality, and he has made many friends here since his arrival. He first came to LGH in May 1945, and is now working on his second "tour" here.

Larry came to California from Avoca, Minnesota, about 14 years ago, and is now definitely a Californian by choice. He first entered the service in 1933; then re-enlisted in 1940. He came up from the ranks, doing anything and everything the Army had to offer. Among his many duties were those of mess sergeant, recruiting instructor and first sergeant. The last-named rank he held at the time he was commissioned on the field at Luzon, on 2 March 1945. On the following day, just before he was to report to a new company, he was wounded.

He was stationed at Schofield Barracks at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, and his various tours of duty include service in the Phil-

ippines, Russell Island, New Caledonia and Guadalcanal.

He first came to LGH after being hospitalized at the 33rd General Hospital at Leyte, and was subsequently at three West Coast Army hospitals—Torney General Hospital, Birmingham and Dibble. He says that his travels have only served to increase his wanderlust, and when he leaves the Army he intends to do more traveling. But he has already picked his favorite spot—somewhere in the redwood country.

Larry occupies his time with reading, studying and working on his two hobbies; philately and making old-time model ships and trains. Just now he is building the "Blind Cloud," a ship of the 1870's, to a 1/4-inch scale. For relaxation he enjoys the movies; for excitement, football.

His wife, Jackie, is now at their home in La Mesa, which she is developing into a garden spot, with roses framing the entrance to the house. When Larry receives his discharge, and gets that projected traveling done, he plans to go into the machine maintenance and repair business.

SIDINGS & TIDINGS

The Unit fishermen were going strong the past week with many pounds of our finny friends falling victim to the disguised offerings artfully covering barbed hooks. Sergeants **Tea Garland**, **James Mitchell** and **Ken Kernop** seem to be leading the parade with a total of thirty-one for one day's efforts. The much heckled fish have something to be thankful for, and that is the consolation that the Letterman fishing boat will be laid up for motor repairs until further notice. Only those fish unfortunate enough to venture near the Crissy pier should have reason to worry, as undoubtedly that structure will be over-loaded with anxious devotees of the noble sport.

1st Sgt. **Don L. Dicks** of the Transportation Office has been airing his civilian clothing in the most peculiar places lately. It seems that last week-end a rather sporty outfit of his decorated the Sixth Army Transportation Building until some kindly soul turned it in to the Military Police.

The HTU Garden Club, under the able supervision of T/Sgt. **John Mack**, has been very busy the last few days watering and weeding. Mostly watering, as anyone who has come close to drowning in one of the many 'lakes' that have been formed hereabouts will agree. There were rumors on the second day of the campaign that ferry service would be established in the area to facilitate safe and dry conveyance for members of the Organization.

1st Sgt. **Frank O'Connor** is back again and is repeating; "It's a girl!" Congratulations, sergeant!

Two new members of HTU arrived last week. They are T/Sgt. **Laurence E. Wiard** and T/5 **Elton L. Autwell**. Both men are assigned to the Maintenance Section and we of HTU take this opportunity to welcome them to the organization.

"What did they teach you today?" his mother asked when Top Kick, Jr. returned from his first day at school.

"Not much," reported the post's problem child. "I've gotta go again tomorrow."

Revised Justice Plan Completed

Washington (AFPS)—The revision of the Army Justice system and complete overhaul of Courts-Martial procedure, started in 1945, is now complete and will soon be put into operation, according to Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall.

The new system will give the American soldier better protection than any member of a military service has ever enjoyed, the Secretary said.

The movement, from its inception, had enlisted the aid of the President of the American Bar Association who appointed a committee of eminent lawyers and judges to aid in the revamping of Army justice. The committee worked on the problem for almost a year and then submitted recommendations. These were generally accepted both by the Department of the Army and later by Congress with few changes.

Under the new regulations, enlisted men are to be "allowed to sit as members of General and Special Courts-Martials for the first time. An enlisted defendant will be permitted to have at least one-third of the court consist of enlisted personnel.

Another significant change broadens and enlarges the review of a case on appeal through a Judicial Council under the Judge Advocate General composed of three general officers.

A third important change will allow the accused to be represented by counsel at pre-trial examinations. The accused's counsel will have the right to cross examine prosecution witnesses.

Additional high points of the new system are: A Court is not to be reprimanded, censured or admonished after it has delivered a verdict.

The law member of each Court will be a professional lawyer and certified by the Judge Advocate General as qualified.

Both the prosecution and defense will be conducted by qualified lawyers—"to the extent practicable."

Any convicted World War II soldier will be permitted to reopen his case and get a new trial "upon good cause shown" within one year of the end of the war or the final review of the case, whichever is later.

A special Judge Advocate Corps is to be established by the new law, with its own promotion list.

SECOND OF SERIES

Changes in Enlisted Status Under Army's Career Plan

(AFPS)—Under the Army's new Career Plan, there are several changes affecting the status of enlisted personnel. These are centered around the changing of titles for the various pay grades, the differentiating between combat and non-combat personnel, and the regrouping of occupational specialties into career fields.

The most important thing to be remembered about the revision of pay grade titles is that only the titles for the different grades have been changed. There are still seven enlisted grades, each grade is still paid according to the same scale, and all personnel will remain in their respective pay grades.

Under the new system, Master Sergeants and First Sergeants retain their titles. Technical Sergeants will be known as Sergeants Second Class, Staff Sergeants will be called Sergeants Third Class, Sergeants will be called Corporals, Corporals will be termed Privates First Class, Pfc.'s will be known as Privates, and Privates will have the newly introduced title of Recruit.

The only actual difference in rank comes from the elimination of the fifth pay grade from the Non-Commissioned Officers Corps. Under the new plan, only the first four pay grades will be non-coms.

Personnel presently holding Technician titles, T/3, T/4, T/5 etc., will henceforth be known according to the title appropriate to their pay grade under the new system. Technician ratings have been eliminated.

Temporary promotions have been abolished, and all personnel now hold their grades as permanent rank. Proficiency tests are not required to hold that rank.

However, for all promotions in the future, proficiency tests will form a part of the requirements. In addition, the Plan also calls for more stringent time-in-grade and time-in-service requirements for promotion. Thus, to be promoted from any rank to the next higher one, a man must have been in his grade for a certain length of time, must have a certain specified amount of total service, must have attained a specified degree of proficiency in his MOS and career field, and must hold an MOS which calls for the rank to which he is being promoted.

Specific requirements vary from grade to grade, and they also depend on whether a man is being promoted to fill a vacancy in his organization or not. The new plan provides that a man may be promoted, even in excess of Table of Organization strength levels, if he is qualified and has been in grade and in service a certain length of time. Promotions into the first three grades are not governed by the strength of an individual organization, but are made with regard to worldwide vacancies.

Under the Career Plan, personnel will be distinguished as either Combat or non-Combat personnel. Combat personnel are defined as personnel assigned directly to specified combat units.

Differentiation will be shown in rank insignia. Combat personnel will wear dark blue chevrons, arcs, and lozenges against a gold background; non-Combat insignia will be the reverse, with gold stripes on a dark blue background. In addition, enlisted personnel of grade four or higher who hold actual chain-of-command positions in combat units, are entitled to wear a "Combat Commanders Insignia." This insignia will be a green cloth tab, 1 inch wide, worn in the middle of both shoulder straps.

All personnel will be assigned a Primary MOS. This will be the job within his career field that an individual is best qualified to perform. In other words, all occupational specialties have been analyzed carefully, and have been separated into approximately 50 Career Fields. Each Career Field is made up of specialties which are alike in nature, such as Communications, Food Service, etc. Within each of these fields there are a number of MOS positions, fulfilling each particular aspect of the field as a whole. A soldier will first be assigned to a field, and then to a particular aspect of that field which will constitute his Primary MOS.

Personnel will be kept within their designated Career Fields, except under special circumstances. They will be assigned to duty in a job appropriate to their Primary MOS. They will be trained, assigned, and promoted within their chosen Career Field.

Only when it is absolutely necessary, will personnel be transferred out of their field. In such cases they will have sufficient time to learn their new field before being required to pass proficiency tests to maintain their grade.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Veteran-students graduating this year and planning to move from the area served by the Veterans Administration Branch Office to which they have been mailing their National Service Life Insurance premium payments should notify VA immediately of their new permanent address.

VA pointed out that a veteran's NSLI records are kept in the VA Branch Office supervising the area in which he maintains his permanent address.

The sooner the veteran notifies VA of his change in residence, the sooner VA can transfer his insurance records to the VA Branch Office having jurisdiction over the area in which he will reside.

When advising VA of his new address, the veteran should identify himself fully, indicating his NSLI certificate number, former address and new address. Changes in address may be noted on the space provided for such changes on the flap of the regular VA remittance envelopes.

The average age of World War II women veterans is slightly higher than that of their male fellow-veterans, Veterans Administration said. The feminine average is an even 30 years, while the average age of the men is 29 years and 9½ months.

Question: What veterans have preference to Veterans Administration hospital beds?

Veterans suffering from service-connected disabilities and those requiring emergency treatment are given preference to hospital beds.

Wins Golf Trophy

General Mark Clark, Sixth Army commandant, presented handsome golf trophies this week to the members of the winning team in the Sixth Army Golf Tournament. First Lieut. Oliver M. Rajala, acting chief of Convalescent Services, the only Lettermanite who competed in the finals, placed sixth on the winning team of eight, with a score of 244 for 54 holes.

Lieutenant Rajala will go to Fort Lewis next month with the team to compete in the All-Army Golf tournament to be held there 14 through 21 August.

He: "You remind me of a can of beer in my neighbor's ice box."

She: "How come?"

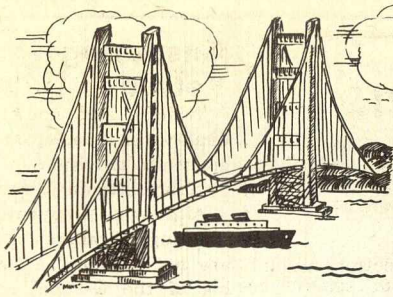
He: "So cold and distant."

"I'm a dairy maid in a candy factory."

"What do you do?"

"Milk chocolates."

Drill Sergeant: "Every time I look at you recruits, I feel that I'm beating the Government out of its entertainment tax."



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Special Federal Housing Aid for Paralyzed Veterans

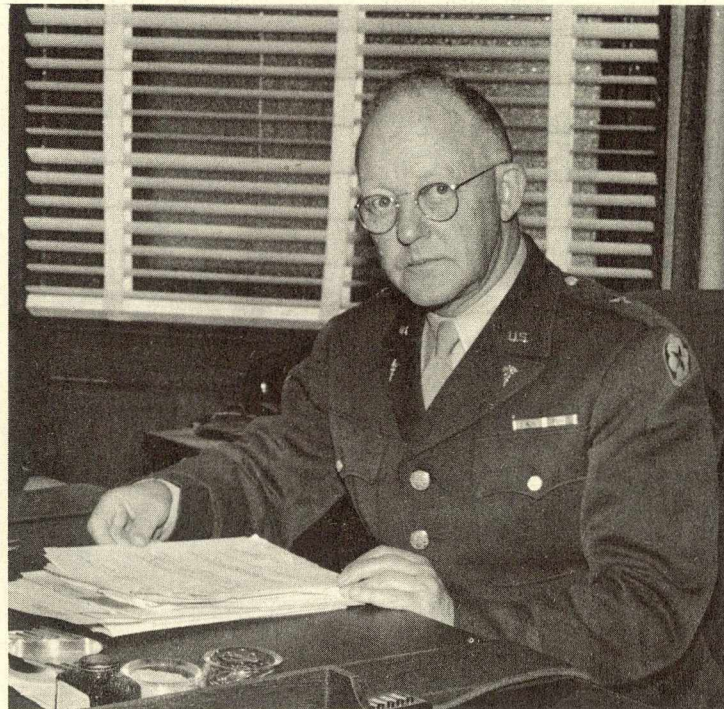
Paralyzed veterans entitled to federal aid for homes specially designed for wheel chair living can now obtain special application forms for that purpose at any Veterans Administration office, it was announced this week by the VA. It is estimated that approximately 240 veterans living in the Veterans Administration Branch 12 area are eligible to receive this aid. The Branch 12 area includes the states of California, Arizona, Nevada and the Territory of Hawaii.

The new benefit authorizes a federal grant up to \$10,000 for use in acquiring such a home. It is pointed out that the grant may not exceed 50 per cent of the total cost of the home, or a maximum of \$10,000.

Those eligible for the grants are veterans of war or peace-time service who have a permanent and total service-connected disability due to a spinal cord disease or injury which has resulted in paralysis of the legs and lower part of the body.

The Veterans Administration has model plans and specifications available for suitable housing units embodying special features necessary for the convenience of those who need wheel chairs for mobility. The plans and specifications are available free of charge, upon request from the veteran.

Some of the special features incorporated in the plans are ramps, instead of steps or stairs; wider halls and doorways, more spacious rooms, special bathroom fixtures and room arrangement and, in some cases, exercising facilities.



Brigadier General DEAN F. WINN, MC
Commanding General

The completion of seven years of service to the command by our weekly paper—The Fog Horn—calls for congratulations on this anniversary.

The Fog Horn makes a definite contribution to the interest and morale of our patients and personnel and in the future will be the source for much of our history.

I wish The Fog Horn many happy returns.

DEAN F. WINN
Brigadier General, US Army,
Commanding

Additional Beds For Veterans Allotted at LGH

Letterman is one of sixteen Army hospitals in the United States in which an additional number of beds have recently been allocated for the treatment of veterans, it has been announced by Major General Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General. Under this new plan, a total of 175 beds will be available here for the use of veterans.

The total number of beds set aside for veterans in the sixteen hospitals is 3,035. These allocations were made at the request of the Veterans Administration.

The list of hospitals and the number of beds available for veterans in each one are as follows:

Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas, 175 beds; Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, 400 beds; Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, 700 beds; Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, 175 beds; Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington, 350 beds; McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, California, 100 beds; Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, 125 beds; Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, 200 beds; Tilton General Hospital, Wrightstown, New Jersey, 275 beds; Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, 175 beds; Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., 50 beds; William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas, 150 beds; Fort Benning Station Hospital, Columbus, Georgia, 50 beds; Fort Belvoir Station Hospital, Accotink, Virginia, 35 beds; Fort Bragg Station Hospital, Fayetteville, North Carolina, 50 beds; Spokane Air Force Base Station Hospital, Spokane, Washington, 25 beds.

Medical Department Heads Send Congratulations



Major General RAYMOND W. BLISS
The Surgeon General of the Army

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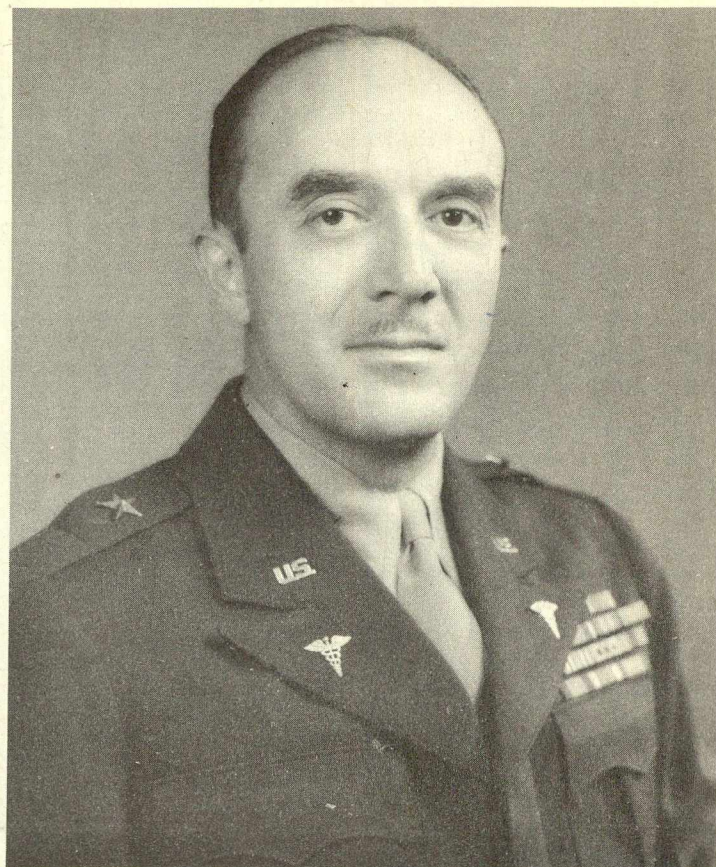
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George E. Armstrong
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Brigadier General, USA
Deputy Surgeon General

Around and About the Letterman Scene With the Camera



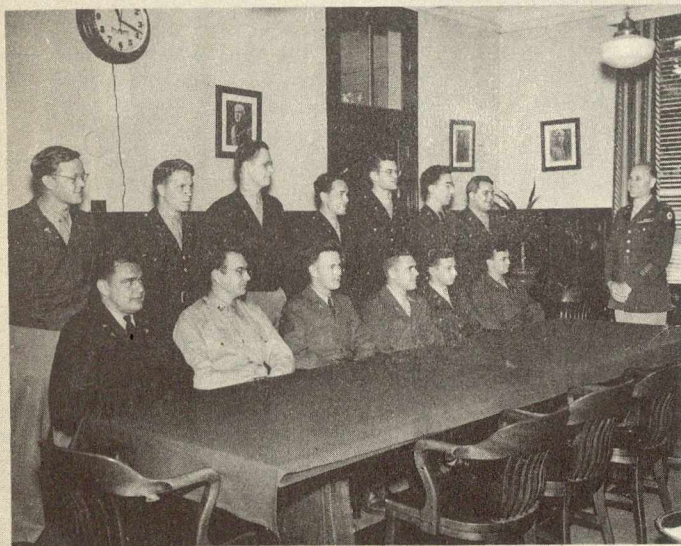
LETTERMAN WAC OFFICERS

Who were sworn in recently by Brig. Gen. Dean F. Winn as members of the Officers' Reserve Corps. First row, L to R: First Lieut. Frances E. Harlee, Capt. Frances V. Peterson, First Lieut. Mary C. Cass, Capt. Charlotte I. Woodworth. Second row: 2nd Lieut. Anna Laue, Capt. Minnie L. Young, Capt. Margaret N. Lassetter, First Lieut. Margaret A. Kimpton, 2nd Lieut. Pamela E. Roberson.



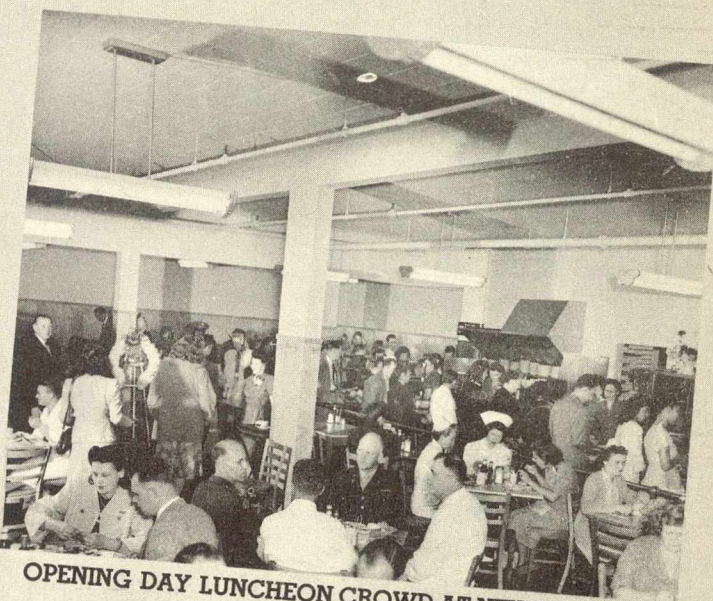
THEY'RE REGULAR ARMY NOW

The first group of enlisted WACs at Letterman to enter the Regular Army are sworn in by Brig. Gen. Dean F. Winn. L to R: T-3 Christine E. McConnell, Sgt. Jean Marsland, S-Sgt. Gladys L. Knowles, T-5 Mary C. Davis, T-4 Sally Craig, Sgt. Olive A. Badger.



PROMOTED TO RANK OF CAPTAIN

Col. Kermit H. Gates, Deputy Commanded, presides at the informal ceremony at which 13 LGH Medical Corps officers were presented with the insignia of their new rank. Seated, L. to R: Captains Ernest Adams, John Black, Peter Brady, Frank Hladky, Jr., Kenneth Hovanic, Glen McCormick. Standing, Captains Lyman Maass, Robert Olsen, Eudell Paul, Alan Reckhow, David Wilson, Samuel Wise, Walter Brown.



OPENING DAY LUNCHEON CROWD AT NEW PX GRILL

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EDITORIAL

SEVEN YEARS

With this issue the Fog Horn completes its seventh year in the life of Letterman and having reached the age of reason looks around and feels quite proud of its place.

All during its editorial existence the Fog Horn has received the support and encouragement of the commanding generals who have directed the destiny of this hospital. That support has made it a pleasure to get the paper out each week and it has never missed an issue.

The cordial co-operation of the personnel of the Letterman Photographic Laboratory is responsible for the high quality of the illustrations which enliven the paper. The unsung volunteers who contribute items of interest for our columns merit our appreciation.

It is our modest opinion that Letterman is the best hospital serving the members of our armed forces and we like to tell the world about the people who help maintain our high standard of excellence. Our readers know why Letterman is known throughout the army as the "hospital with a soul."



Two members of the Army Nurse Corps staff at LGH were July brides, and both were married on the same day—23 July. First Lieut. **Mary M. Herbert** became the bride of **Bill Guilles** at Reno, and spent a brief honeymoon there before she returned to duty. First Lieut. **Florence L. Murphy** was married to Captain **Robert L. Shapiro**, Sixth Army dental officer, in a ceremony at the Chapel of Our Lady on the Presidio.

A newcomer was welcomed last week to the staff of Physical Therapists—Captain **Mildred Carter**, who came to LGH from Lowry Field, Colorado. She arrived in time for "Monte Carlo" night at the Letterman Officers' Club, and found herself a lucky winner, coming away \$14 richer than when she arrived.

Lieut. Col. **Elsie E. Schneider**, Chief Nurse, spent last weekend at Yosemite, accompanied by her sister, **Mrs. Don Bishop** of Cincinnati, Ohio, Lieut. Col. **Ruby Bryant** of Sixth Army, and Captain **Eleanor O'Neill**, retired former LGH nurse. Colonel **Schneider** was the only one of the four who had been to Yosemite before, so she had the pleasant task of showing the others around.

A welcome goes this week to two ANC newcomers. Captain **Eleanor H. Falk** of the Regular Army, who has been an Army nurse since 1941, has come to Letterman after completing a course for anesthetists given at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. First Lieut. **Martha E. Hershey**, whose home is Churubusco, Indiana, is a former Army nurse recently returned from civilian life.

Our apologies to First Lieut. **Kathryn E. Larson**, who is on a 15-day leave at her home in Sunburst, Montana. Her name was given in this column last week as "Johnson."

Major **Althea V. Buckins**, ANC, will spend her forthcoming 30-day leave at her home in Evanston, Illinois.

WAC

Sgt. 1/c **Grace K. Davis**, newest member of the WAC detachment, has returned from a 20-day leave which she spent in Los Angeles, and is now on duty in the orderly room.

A former member of the WAC detachment, Staf Sergeant **Kitty Kelly**, became the bride of Sgt. **David L. Blackburn** of Physical Reconditioning on 10 July. News of the wedding was received this week when Sergeant **Blackburn** returned from leave. He and his bride spent their honeymoon visiting their families in West Virginia and Kentucky.

A second group of eight members of the Letterman detachment were sworn in to the Regular Army last week. They are Sgt. **Leonarda Witkowski**, who will be in the Air Corps; Sgt. **Esther P. Hart**, Sgt. **Dorothy L. Guy**, Sgt. **Frances L. Black**, Corporal **Norma Underhill**, Corporal **Betty Stahl**, Corporal **Anna Drasher**, Pfc. **Rose Casilio**.

Corporal **Betty Wugan** is spending a five-day leave at her home in Los Angeles.

Furloughs are the order of the day with the girls who occupy quarters downstairs in barracks 213. In fact the furlough fever has hit those quarters so hard that at the moment only three of the regulars are there to hold down the fort—Sergeant **Esther Hart**, Corporal **Norma Underhill** and Corporal **Pauline Smith**.

Corporal **Sally Craig** has every reason to be melancholy about the condition of her car, particularly since those dents in the fenders got there when the car was parked and she wasn't even in it. She says she has a posse out in pursuit of the hit-and-run fender bender right on the post who is responsible for the damage.

Sergeant **Gladys Knowles** now knows what it's like to drive in a West Coast black-out. This was her own personal black-out, when the lights of her car went off and she found herself and car uncomfortably up against a cliff. No personal injury, but unfortunately the car didn't fare as well.

Corporal **Jean Marsland** will be Wisconsin-bound on her 30-day leave.

The Chaplains' Corner

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday 8 August, 1948

IN THE POST CHAPEL:

Catholic Services—

Mass daily at 1215

Masses Sunday at 0600 and 0800.

Our Lady Devotions—

Tuesday at 1900.

Protestant Services—

Sunday morning worship 1000.

Jewish Services—

Friday at 1930.

IN THE RECREATION CENTER:

Sunday evening Protestant song service at 1800.

AA Veterans May Enlist in Advanced Army Grades

(AFPS)—The army is offering special inducements for enlistment in advanced grades to veterans of World War II who have had anti-aircraft artillery training, as part of the current expansion program.

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard veterans who have had training in one or more of 21 anti-aircraft specialties, may qualify for enlistment in grades up to Technical Sergeant. Enlistments may be for three, four, five or six years.

The list of specialties includes radar operation and maintenance, fire control, electronics, communications, gunnery and artillery mechanics. Men who qualify may, in some cases, be given advanced technical training in their chosen fields. They will be assured of assignment to AA duties.

I believe that America will continue to follow Lincoln's belief that the wealth and power which have accrued to the nation in our quest for freedom and equality is not an end in itself, but is a by-product, to be used as a means of furthering the quest. Our wealth and power cannot justify our democracy, before the nations of the world, now or ever. But our democracy can justify our wealth and power, by utilizing it in the quest for a better world for all men everywhere. We shall have failed of the historic destiny which Lincoln saw for us unless we recognize with him that, as he said, "The struggle of today, is not altogether for today—it is for a vast future also."—Roy P. Basler.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



FAYE HIRSCHY
Second Lieutenant, ANC

With the well-advertised Hershey bar firmly fixed in the mind of the general public, Lieut. Faye Hirschy sometimes finds it a bit difficult to convey the proper spelling of her name to her public, but she says affably that she "never bothers with the spelling any more, just takes it as it comes."

Lieut. Hirschy was born in Nickerson, Kansas, but grew up in North Little Rock, Arkansas. She went to Memphis, Tennessee, taking her nurse's training at the Methodist Hospital there. After she became a Registered Nurse she worked for a time at that hospital, then went to New Orleans, Louisiana, for a post-graduate course in surgical nursing at the Charity Hospital.

She returned to Memphis and worked again at Methodist Hospital, this time in Surgery. Her next move was to Columbia, Missouri, where she attended the University of Missouri, and worked part time in Surgery at the University Hospital. Ever since she was a child Lieut. Hirschy had wanted to become a nurse, particularly an Army nurse, so with her training and experience acquired, she applied for a commission.

Her first station was Brooke General Hospital at San Antonio, Texas, and after a few weeks there she was sent to the Medical Service Field School at Fort Sam Houston for the eight-week basic training course.

A large number of those who took basic at the same time as Lieut. Hirschy asked for assignment to Letterman, but only three members of the class were sent here, and Lieut. Hirschy was pleased to be one of the three. She came to LGH last month.

Her two favorite leisure time di-

ON AND OFF THE RECORD
With the Patients

Billy White, who is a patient on ward F-2 has become quite popular with his fellow patients; or maybe we should say that his parents have become popular. It seems that every time his Mom and Dad visit him they bring him doughnuts and candy. Need we say more?

Sgt. 1st Class Mitchell Patterson, who is on ward 2, has been doing some expert work in glazing ceramics. The instructor had been after him for a long time to do a little in the creative line; but he always preferred to copy. Finally consented to do something on his own and he made an excellent model of a horse's head.

Cpl. Ellis McDiffett, patient on ward 40, was walking sadly through the halls bemoaning the fact that under the provisions of a recent well-known circular he is now a corporal instead of a T/4. Incidentally, Ellis just loves to play Hearts. The only thing that bothers him is that he can't seem to understand why the person with the least number of points wins. Every time he plays he always tries to get as many points as he can get and of course he always loses. Whether he does this intentionally or not is something we don't know.

First Lieut. John F. Koss, who is a patient on ward D-1, completed an oblong mantle bowl some weeks ago; however, he never did get around to glazing it. In the early part of the week when he returned from leave, he was called to account by the instructor, so he finally consented to glaze it and he did a very excellent job on it.

Johnny Miller, the Quiz Master for USAFI Quiz show, was quite startled when he asked Pvt Janisewski of ward 2 for his name. It seems that he has five names, of which we recall only these three: Alphonse Edward Janisewski. Mr. Miller thought that anyone who could pronounce all five names deserved to get a silver dollar, so he gave him one.

Pfc. Harold Misener of ward 3 has been taking a lot of teasing lately due to the fact that he has

versions are sightseeing and dancing, and she intends to do as much of both as possible.

been receiving a letter each day in a perfumed pink envelope. He claims that the letters are from his mother; but his friends have other ideas.

Each week a problem is presented to the chess club members for solution. The winner gets a small prize and the one who gets the most points gets the chess trophy for thirty days. Last week the winner was M/Sgt George Griswold of ward 11. The problem for this week (ending August 13, 1948) is as follows:

9. A—6 R 1-2 K 5-8-8-5 p 2-6
p 1-1 Q 3 N k 1-8-
B—8-1 p 6-8-2 P 5-N 1 k 1
K3-8-1 Q 5-8-
C—8-1 P 2 P 3-2 k 5-3 R 4-4
K3-8-8-8-
D—8-8-8-6 p 1-6 P k-4 P 2
P-6 P R-4 K 2 R-
Watch "D"—Tricky set up.

Answers should be turned in to Mrs. Mili Hendrix.

Sgt. Milton Cramer of ward 31 has been trying to convince his friends for some time that he is not planning to get married in the near future. However, all this went for nothing when a pretty girl, whose name he will not divulge, came to visit him and the two of them acted "rather affectionate." Now every time his friends see him they hum the wedding march.

Sgt. 1st class James E. Hunter has been working on a cabinet for his small radio for the past several weeks. Last week he finished it and put the radio in it. Two days later he bumped into it as he was getting into bed and knocked it on the floor—result—no radio case.

John De Maio of ward E-1 had been complaining for a long time because he hadn't been able to get around and explore the hospital. Now that he is ambulatory to the extent of getting around with the aid of crutches, John is making up for lost time, and before long should know every nook and cranny of LGH.

The preacher, after a strong sermon, asked for all members of the congregation who wanted to go to heaven, to raise their right hands. All did so except one man.

"What!" shouted the preached. "Don't you want to go to heaven?" "Not immediately," replied the reluctant one.

ON THE SPOT



FLOYD L. WARD
Private First Class

Pfc. Floyd L. Ward of the Out-Patient Service first entered the service at St. Johnsbury, Vermont on 17 January 1946. Bud, as he is known around Letterman, took his basic training at the Engineer Replacement Training Center, Fort Lewis, Washington. After finishing basic, and then spending several weeks in the hospital due to an automobile accident, he went to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, for overseas processing.

He landed at Leghorn, Italy, in September 1946 and was assigned to the 3195th Signal Company as a transmitter repairman. In this capacity he did considerable traveling throughout Italy. Among the larger cities he visited "in line of duty" were Rome, Naples, Milan, Venice, Pisa and Genoa. In addition, he managed to make a trip to Switzerland on furlough.

Bud served 14 months with the 3195th and then came back to the States, arriving in New York City in November 1948. After a 40-day furlough, he reported to Fort Ord, California, for reassignment. He was sent to Letterman, coming here in January 1948. He served for a time in Custodial Services Branch before being transferred to his present job in Out Patient Service.

He was born in Lyndonville, Vermont and attended elementary high school there. Before he came into the Army he worked as a mortician's assistant. His hobbies are photography and sports of all kinds. He plans to leave the Army when his present enlistment is up in January 1949 and to return to his studies and become a licensed mortician.

"Why do you look so unhappy?"
"I had to shoot my dog."
"Was he mad?"
"Well he wasn't happy about it."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Wedding bells will ring today for **Sylvia Winer** of the Adjutant's office, formerly S/Sgt. Winer of the WAC detachment. Sylvia resigned this week, and at 5:30 p. m. this afternoon will become the bride of **Calvin R. Van Meer** at the temple of Congregation Sherith Israel. She will wear a gull gray suit with blue accessories, and will carry gardenias and roses. After the ceremony she and her husband will leave on a honeymoon to be spent in Texas and Michigan.

Evelyn Schumacher of Civilian Personnel office has recently transferred to the Special Services office.

Marion Breach of Military Personnel returned to duty this week after a two-week vacation spent at Hoberg's and on the Russian River.

Frances Clark of Military Personnel joins the Fog Horn this week in celebrating an anniversary. Frances began work at Letterman seven years ago on the day the first issue of the Fog Horn appeared.

Although **Alta Lee** of Out-Patient Service spent a good part of her vacation in Sacramento polishing and sanding floors, she says it was fun and that she enjoyed the exercise and the change from her usual occupation.

Leth Frisby, chief librarian, now enjoying a two-week vacation, says she'll spend her time right here in San Francisco—"the best place in the world to have a vacation."

Welcome to two recent newcomers—**Fred M. Stohan** of Civilian Personnel, who will handle employee utilization and training, and **Ada Stapleford**, Out-Patient Service.

Two Lettermanites resigned this week to return to homemaking and to await a visit from the stork—**Phyllis Solon** of Military Personnel and **Shirley Dotson** of Out-Patient Service.

Evelyn Ford of Military Personnel resigned this week, and will be leaving shortly for Switzerland, where her two children will attend school next year. Evelyn's husband Major Ford, is now on duty in Greece, and she plans to join him there later.

Moron: That which, in the wintertime women wouldn't have so many colds if they put.

She: "I'm Suzette, the Oriental dancer."

He: "Shake."

SHE HAS DONE VOLUNTEER WORK AS A GRAY LADY HERE SINCE 1941



Mrs. ALINE W. HYAMS
Gray Lady Group Captain

With her happy smile and friendly manner, Mrs. Aline Hyams, one of the five Gray Lady group captains on duty at Letterman, earns a cheerful welcome from the patients on the wards to which she is assigned for duty. The patients know that her friendliness is prompted by a genuine interest in them and in their problems, and they, in turn, are quick to respond with the same warm friendliness.

She is at Letterman every Thursday, and on that day each week she works on six of the hospital's wards—K-1, K-2, K-3, G-1, E-1 and C-1—doing personal errands, shopping and other tasks for the patients.

Mrs. Hyams was born in Portland, Oregon, but has made her home in California for a number of years. She attended the University of California, where she majored in language and science, and was married shortly after she received her degree. She is proud of the fact that

she is a grandmother. One of her two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Levy, is the mother of a four-year-old son. Her other daughter, Barbara, is a surgical nurse at the University of California hospital.

Mrs. Hyams first began her Red Cross work at Letterman nearly seven years ago, in the Fall of 1941, and has accumulated an impressive number of hours since she began her volunteer service here. During the war she also did a great deal of work with the American Women's Volunteer Services, as assistant chairman of the motor corps.

She and her family have their home in the Richmond district of San Francisco, and spending time with her family is what Mrs. Hyams likes to do best. She also enjoys reading, sewing and knitting.

Gray Ladies like Mrs. Hyams are the reason why patients refer to members of the Corps as "little gray angels."



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Gene Culbertson, a boy, **Michael Alan**, born 20 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Lyle V. Huff, a girl, **Pamela**, born 21 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Fred Moser, a boy, **Jere George**, born 21 July.

To Pfc. and Mrs. David Day, a girl, **Carol Ann**, born 21 July.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Roy Pope, a boy, **David Kendall**, born 21 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Delmar Wells, a girl **Connie Irene**, born 21 July.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Richard McIntyre, a girl, **Gale Marie**, born 22 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Hiram Fuller, a girl, **Patricia Anne**, born 22 July.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Howard Osburn, a girl, **Charlotte Lynn**, born 22 July.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Morgan McGregor, a boy, **Philip Steven**, born 22 July.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. George Clark, a boy, **Robert George**, born 23 July.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Newcomb R. Terry, a girl, **Wanda Marie**, born 23 July.

To Captain and Mrs. Ralph M. Kraus, a girl, **Judith Marie**, born 24 July.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Robert W. Green, a boy, **Robert Alan**, born 25 July.

To Lieut. Commander and Mrs. Paul J. Hidding, a girl, **Ann Louise**, born 25 July.

To Sergeant and Mrs. William S. Kam, a girl, **Gisela Abigail**, born 25 July.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Edward T. Phillips, a girl, **Victoria Christine**, born 26 July.

To Corporal and Mrs. John Morris Howard, a boy, **John Morris, Jr.**, born 26 July.

To Major and Mrs. Floyd Hermann Buch, a girl, **Gene Denese**, born 26 July.

To Corporal and Mrs. William Thomas Keller, a boy, **William Dennis**, born 26 July.

To Corporal and Mrs. Bennie Campos, a girl, **Anita**, born 27 July.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Lyman E. Pyle, a boy, **Jeffrey Whitehouse**, born 27 July.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Clayton X. Dambly, a boy, **Dennis Craig**, born 27 July.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Louis Lee White, a girl, **Jacquelyn Lee**, born 27 July.

MEDICAL DETACH

Private Michael "Mike" O'Toole of Physical Reconditioning is still batting 1.000 as regards falling into the gym swimming pool (clothes and all). Mike also has a large following of friends who keep him supplied with comic books. Despite his voracious appetite for the comics, Mike denies any and all ambitions in the way of higher learning.

Master Sergeant Robert Walsh of the X-ray Clinic is anticipating matrimony in the very near future.

Be sure to get a load of that "new look" haircut that Master Sergeant Leland Lee of the Training Branch office is sporting this week. Ditto: Sergeant First Class Herbert Newton, secretary-treasurer of the Letterman NCO Club.

Master Sergeant George Barte of the Claims Office had a couple of out of town visitors as his privileged guests this week—his two sons, ages fifteen and eight.

Sergeant First Class Russell Cox of the Publications Office has returned to duty after an 11-day furlough spent in New Mexico, where he visited his brother. Russ says that the only thing he dislikes about furloughs is the "day of return."

Corporal Charles (Monte) Catterlin of Troop Information & Education Branch received his discharge from the Army this week just in time to get his rank changed from Technician Fourth Grade to Corporal. The day after he left, Monte thoughtfully sent a handsome farewell gift to the I & E office staff.—not "One Dozen Roses," but two dozen. This fall Monte will continue his law studies at UCLA.

With becoming reticence, Master Sergeant James Horton declines to write anything about himself in this column, but it is reported from other sources that he and his wife recently spent a brief three-day vacation exploring the famous California redwood country. Jim says he found the petrified forest the most impressive sight of the trip.

She: "You deceived me before our marriage. You told me you were well off."

He: "I was, but I didn't know it."

ANOTHER OLD LETTERMANITE BEATS HIS WAY BACK HERE FOR STATION



Major FRANK W. LYNN, MC
Returns to Letterman as resident in Urology

Major Frank W. Lynn, who recently joined station here as a resident in Urology under the residency training program, is another former Lettermanite who lived only to come back to his first love in the army.

The major was born at LaGrange, Illinois, but passed most of his younger days in Chicago where he finished high school and later graduated from Rush Medical College with the class of 1942. He came to Letterman as an intern and served here until the following summer when he was commissioned in the Regular Army and then went back to the Army Medical School for a finishing course.

His first field assignment was with the 38th Field Hospital at Camp Breckenridge in Kentucky and he moved with that outfit to Oahu for six months stay before being assigned to the 369th Station Hospital and taking off for Saipan. Nineteen months later the 38th came out to

Saipan and Major Lynn was reunited with his old outfit to stay until January 1946.

On his return to the mainland he was sent to Percy Jones General hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan, for an assistant residency in Urology. In September 1946 he was assigned to Murphy General Hospital at Waltham, Massachusetts, as Chief of the G-U Service where he remained until ordered to Letterman for his present tour.

Coming back with him for this tour is his bride, the former Eleanor Rust of Chicago, who was united in matrimony with him in our post chapel on 24 October 1942. Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna was the officiating clergyman on that occasion and he was still here to welcome the young couple on their return.

Major Lynn wears a mustache that is a topic of occasional comment but—oh, well, it might be just as well to let it go at that.



Undaunted by the absence of the Letterman fishing boat, the more adventurous members of the organization put to "sea" in a small row-boat. The idea was to get out there where the big ones were, but even with the advice and guidance of an old 'Salt' like Sgt. Bob Merrill, the ill-fated crew were swamped by the Bay breakers and after some difficulty eventually returned to shore. The only damage done was the saturation of a few pairs of fatigues which could be seen hanging around the detachment area in varying degree of dampness.

Captain Robert P. Allen has returned from a very pleasant 20-day leave and has resumed his duties as Detachment Commander. "Wonderful," was the answer to all inquiries as to the time the Captain had while on leave.

First Sergeant Tea Garland enjoyed a short three days with his family in Los Angeles and occupying the 'Throne' in the Detachment Orderly Room during his absence was Sgt. First Class Arthur Ainley. Sgt. Ainley seems none the worse for his experience but when asked for a statement, simply uttered a plaintive "Ug."

Sergeant First Class Charles Barnes is up to his neck in work due to the new rating changes. The Unit Supply seems to be the center of attraction for members of the Organization inquiring about the new stripes.

Sergeant First Class Granville Kirksey is currently on a 30-day furlough. Sgt. Kirksey is due for overseas shipment sometime in September, so 30-days of State-side furlough time will be very welcome, indeed.

Pfc. Bob Bowman returned from a 5-day delay en route and came back all smiles. We guess that five days at his home in Los Angeles had something to do with it.

In The Library

"Where to Sin in San Francisco; the Sintennial edition" is now available in the Letterman library. Don't be misled—it's merely a guide to the 57 most stimulating of San Francisco's 3,000-odd restaurants, bars and night clubs. Well illustrated.

Vet Amputees in Polo Grounds Baseball

The Polo Grounds was the scene of a double-header recently. The scores were unimportant, the players' names mattered not, and no pennants were at stake, but the games were being televised and short-waved to servicemen overseas via Armed Forces Radio Service hook-up. Stage, screen and sports celebrities were on hand to help make the evening a success and a large crowd was present despite the competition of a night game at the nearby Yankee Stadium.

Why the interest in such a seemingly unimportant pair of contests? Simple, the first game was between the Broken Wings and the Flat Tires and the second found the Amps All-Stars locking horns with the New York Friars Club.

Who are they? The Flat Tires, the Broken Wings and the Amps All-Stars are men who realized that dream of playing in a big league ball park the hard way. They didn't earn their right to take that field through an apprenticeship in the minor leagues. They earned that right by taking fields in the Pacific, in Africa, Italy, France and Germany. They earned their right on Navy carriers, in Air Force planes and in landing barges all over the globe. These were members of an exclusive club, Chapter 76 of the Disabled American Veterans, membership in which is limited to veterans who suffered the loss of limbs in the service of their country. The All Stars' opponents, the Friars Club, were big name athletes, stage and screen stars who volunteered their services to help a worthy cause.

How can these amputees play ball despite their handicaps? It's not easy, but these men do it just as they do many other things. Just as they drive their cars and earn their living . . . by asking no odds and no favors, but merely for a chance to prove their ability. They have the same spirit and determination in their daily life and on the sports field that enabled them and their buddies to drive back the enemy in both World Wars. Those who speak of a "soft and decadent democracy" could well learn a lesson from men such as these.

What brand of baseball do they play? Excellent, as is attested by the ten strike-outs in a seven inning game by a one armed pitcher and the 300-some foot drives by one legged batters. Watch that Flat Tire (one-legged) outfielder cover ground and those Broken Wing (one-armed) infielders as they stop hot hits, then drop their glove and peg the ball to first. These fellows played a whale of a game, a game that had the crowd on its feet and cheering time after time.

The scores: Broken Wings 4, Flat Tires 1, in the first game and Amputee All-Stars 6, Friars Club 3 in the night-cap.

LAST OF SERIES

Status of Warrant Officers Under Army's Career Plan

By Armed Forces Press Service

Under the provisions of the Army's Career Guidance Plan for Warrant Officers and Enlisted Men, the Warrant Officer's position is slightly at variance to that which he held under the old system.

Under the new plan, Warrant Officer positions will be essentially technical or administrative. Warrant Officers will be utilized when the successful performance of a job does not require commissioned officer prestige or authority, but does require a greater degree of training and ability than that afforded by non-commissioned grades.

Warrant Officer positions, in most cases, will not include direct command responsibilities. Such command responsibilities as are exercised by Warrant Officers in any position, will be definitely subordinate to the technical supervision involved in the job.

Warrant Officers will, in no case, exercise direct supervision over commissioned personnel.

Procurement of Warrant Officers

Appointment of Warrant Officers (junior grade), made under the new plan, will commence on or about October 15, 1948. Successful applicants under the Regular Army Warrant Officer Procurement Program, announced in Department of the Army Circular 38, 1948, will receive first appointments.

Letters of selection will be issued to successful candidates who are serving as temporary commissioned officers, or temporary chief warrant officers, and to those serving as temporary warrant officers (junior grade) who elect to accept such letters in lieu of actual appointment. Hold-

ers of letters of selection will be permitted to continue serving in their present status, until further notice by the Department of the Army.

Recipients of such letters, whose active duty as temporary commissioned or warrant officers terminates honorably, and who apply within six months thereafter, will be given appointments as warrant officers, junior grade. The date of rank upon appointment will be the date of the selection letter, irrespective of the date of appointment and the date of acceptance.

It is not expected that the present status of such individuals will be terminated solely by reason of their holding letters of selection for appointment as Regular Army Warrant Officers.

Classification of Warrant Officers

Under the plan, a new system of classification will replace the old, giving each warrant officer a primary MOS in a certain career field, much as in the enlisted ranks. At present, there are 49 career warrants, but it is anticipated that more will be added to cover the field of warrant classification.

As Warrant Officers are appointed, they will be assigned the MOS and career warrant, consistent with their specialties.

Individuals who vacated Regular Army Warrant Officer appointments to serve as temporary commissioned officers, and those serving as commissioned officers who hold letters of selection as Regular Army Warrant Officers, will be classified into appropriate career Warrants at the time of their reappointment or appointment. Adequate vacancies will be reserved for this purpose.

Recap of New Army Titles

In accordance with Department of the Army Circular 202, 1948, the grade structure for enlisted men, effective 1 August 1948, is as follows:

Grade	New Titles	Present Titles
First	Master Sergeant	Master (First) Sergeant
Second	Sergeant, first class	Technical Sergeant
Third	Sergeant	Staff Sergeant
Fourth	Corporal	Sergeant
Fifth	Private, first class	Corporal
Sixth	Private	Private, first class
Seventh	Recruit	Private

Insignia for each grade

First Grade	Three chevrons above three arcs.
Second Grade	Three chevrons above two arcs.
Third Grade	Three chevrons above one arc.
Fourth Grade	Two chevrons.
Fifth Grade	One chevron.
Sixth Grade	No chevron.
Seventh Grade	No chevron.

Answering the Veterans Queries

Trailers and houseboats do not qualify as homes under the loan guaranty provision of the G-I Bill, Veterans Administration reports.

Although frequently used as dwellings, trailers and houseboats are not "homes" within the meaning of the G-I Bill and are ineligible for loan guaranty.

However, G-I loans may be negotiated for trailers and houseboats if used for legitimate business purposes.

Four specific benefits become available upon the death of a veteran of any war, who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Veterans Administration is authorized to pay up to \$150 for funeral and burial expenses of a war veterans, provide an American flag for burial purposes, arrange for interment in a national cemetery and provide a grave marker.

Applications for any one of the four benefits may be obtained from any VA office, from Service organizations and chapters of the American Red Cross.

Disabled veterans may continue their training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, Public Law 16, after veterans Administration suspends their disability compensation for failure to report for a physical re-examination.

However, during the suspension period, they will forfeit the special subsistence and dependency allowances provided for disabled trainees.

During that period they will receive only the subsistence allowance payable to non-disabled veterans training under the G-I Bill.

Question: I am a veteran of World War II and would like to buy a home. Where do I go to get a guaranteed home loan?

Answer: You must find a bank, savings and loan association or other private lender willing to make the loan.

Question: How much can I borrow to come within the provisions of the G-I Bill?

Answer: The law sets no limit on the amount borrowed. The limit is on the amount of guaranty. You may borrow any amount that the lender is willing to let you have, but the maximum VA guaranty is \$4,000 on a home or real estate loan or \$2,000 on a business loan.

"My boy friends doesn't smoke, drink or swear."

"Hmnm. Does he make all his own clothes, too?"